



Composer Andrew Lloyd-Webber is joined by four of his leading ladies as he is awarded the 'Man of Vision' Award by the Eye Research Institute of Boston. (Reuter wirephoto)

Iranians seek refuge in Ireland

SHANNON, Jan 20, (AP): Immigration officials today were interviewing 12 Iranians who requested political asylum in the Irish Republic after landing at Shannon airport on a flight from Moscow.

The Iranians walked away unnoticed from a Soviet Aeroflot airlines that landed at the international airport in southwestern Ireland last night for refuelling on a flight from Moscow to Havana Cuba, officials said.

It is thought the group — eight adults and four children — made its way from Iran to Moscow through Syria.

In broken English, they explained their request for political asylum and were allowed to stay in the Irish Republic pending a decision by the Department of Justice.

A Department of Justice spokesman in Dublin said the Iranians were being interviewed by immigration officials to determine whether they qualified for refugee status.

Last year, more than 30 people left Aeroflot flights at Shannon — including Cubans, Sri Lankans and Afghans — seeking asylum in the neutral republic, generally using the country as a stopping off point before trying to get into the United States or Canada.

Aquino in clash with Congress

MANILA, Jan 20, (Reuter): Philippine President Corazon Aquino, flushed with her ruling coalition's victory in Monday's local elections, has promised better government in 1988 and thwarted a bid by Congress to clip her powers.

"I am not going to play politics with anybody ... we shall bring the resources of the government to the people and we shall not allow anybody to stop us," Aquino said today.

Aquino made the vow at a weekly meeting of her cabinet, which applauded her statement, presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno told reporters.

In her first open clash with Congress, Aquino sent back unsigned to the legislature today a proposed law that would in effect curtail the presidential powers of appointment.

It was the first bill Aquino has vetoed since the country's first freely elected legislature in 15 years was installed last June.

Under the bill no official appointed by the President to

Shevardnadze gives arms warning to West

MADRID, Jan 20, (Reuter): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, starting a visit to Spain, Nato's youngest member, has warned the Western alliance against modernising weapons to compensate for the superpower nuclear disarmament agreement.

His warning, at the end of a three-day visit to Bonn before flying to Madrid, capped his first call for a ban on short-range missiles after the US-Soviet agreement to scrap Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF).

Nato favours modernisation of short-range nuclear forces with a range of up to 500 km (300 miles) and conventional weapons, saying it wants to counter Soviet superiority.

"This modernisation would be a very dangerous trend ... it must not be allowed to happen," Shevardnadze said.

His first visit here came as the socialist government submitted to its allies plans for Spain's role in the alliance.

Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez secured Spain's 1982 membership of Nato by a 1986 referendum on condition that it remain free of nuclear weapons and outside Nato's military structure.

Another condition was fulfilled last week when the United

Topless black nuns taken to court

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 20, (UPI): Police so far have ignored a beach revolution by thousands of white women who have shed their bikini tops to soak up the sun, but two black nuns have been ordered to appear in court next month for doing much the same thing.

Sister Margaret Msibi, 31, and Sister Christiana Mgityana, 28, from the Daughters of Charity Convent at Imanda, were indicted in a Durban courtroom yesterday for public indecency.

They were not asked to plead to a charge that they showered topless Monday, wearing only white panties, on one of Durban's popular beaches.

They were released without bail and were ordered to return to court Feb 9.

The two nuns appear in court wearing black habits and white collars. They were accompanied to court by a number of other nuns.

Three young black women, one of them not yet in her teens, were charged with a similar offense last year. A well-wisher paid fines on their behalf, but the charges were later withdrawn and the money was released.

Citing a Supreme Court ruling backing her appointment of a retired Army general as customs chief without congressional concurrence, Aquino said: "The President yields to the court's judgement. The Congress can do no less."

She said the bill "would unduly curtail the appointing power vested in the President by our fundamental law."

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All aspects of a solution completed: Perez

UN to monitor Afghan peace

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 20, (Reuter): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he is ready to monitor an Afghanistan settlement.

In an interview with Reuters, he said all aspects of an Afghanistan solution involving the United Nations were completed, including provision for UN monitoring of an accord calling for withdrawal of Soviet troops.

All the agreements were completed, he said, referring to drafts that have been discussed with the parties by his special envoy Diego Cordovez, who left New York on Monday for talks in Kabul and Islamabad, aimed at the convening of a final meeting in Geneva next month.

"I think there is general agreement and we are going to have contingency plans on the (monitoring) role," the Secretary-General said.

The idea behind it, he explained, was to avert a bloodbath in Afghanistan after the Soviet Union withdrew its troops, who have been there in strength since December 1979.

"It is very well known the

Afghans are a tough people," he said in an allusion to the risk of a continued war between rival factions.

Assistance

Afghanistan will accept economic aid for postwar reconstruction from any quarter willing to give it, President Najibullah told a new conference today.

Najibullah was asked whether Afghanistan would accept only Soviet bloc aid or invite assistance from Western agencies, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, following the proposed withdrawal of Soviet forces and the hoped-for end to a nine-year-old guerrilla war.

Evidently referring to closer links with the Soviet Union, he said the last six or seven years had brought "a qualitative change in Afghanistan's historic trading relations".

But he added: "All other quarters who wish to help with the reconstruction of Afghanistan and the prosperity of the Afghan people — we shall welcome their assistance."

Meanwhile, a rocket attack on

Khost's airfield has shown vividly that routes in and out of the eastern garrison town remain insecure despite the success of Soviet and Afghan government forces in breaking a three-month rebel siege.

Flights to Khost, already limited to the hours of darkness because of mujahedeen's ability to down planes with US-made, heat-seeking Stinger missiles, were put in further jeopardy on Tuesday by the nightfall assault of the Khost offensive.

The attack occurred just as two military transport planes carrying Western correspondents were about to take off.

The planes, propeller-driven Antonov-26s of the Afghan Air Force, came under fire as they prepared to take a group of Moscow-based journalists to Kabul after a government-sponsored trip aimed at showing the success of the Khost offensive.

Two rockets penetrated the outer perimeter of the airfield, sending Afghan defence personnel running for cover, and a third appeared to land close to the runway only a few seconds after the

first plane lifted off.

The land route from the provincial capital of Gardez appeared to have been made fully secure with the arrival in Khost of the 17th relief convoy since the siege was broken last month.

But Soviet soldiers guarding the route said there were frequent attempts at infiltration by mine-laying Muslim guerrillas.

Casualties

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 has led to a war that is proportionally more deadly for Afghans than World War II was for the Soviets, according to a private study.

The study, prepared by Professor Marek Sliwinski of the University of Geneva, concluded that 1.3 million people, or more than 9 per cent of the Afghan population, died in the eight years of fighting.

About 8.6 per cent of the Soviet population perished in World War II.

An additional 33 per cent of the Afghan population have been driven into exile and 11 per cent are in hiding inside their country, the study said.

Crippled author bags award

(Continued from Page 1) of communication that can leave outsiders baffled.

He raises his eyes for yes, shakes his head for no. Turning his eyes to his shoulders indicates you should look for words beginning with S.

Journalists trooping to his suburban home near the shores of Dublin Bay are given a list of likely questions they might ask and the answers he has to take off to provide.

His autobiography, told in the third person to give it the feel of a spectator looking into the mirror, tells in rich prose the tale of a Dublin boy whose spine was wedged into a V-shape at birth, cutting off oxygen to his brain for two hours.

His body was shattered, his brain intact and from that horrendous beginning he struggled into normality, attending an ordinary state school and going on to Trinity College, Dublin, for one year without taking a degree.

A book of poetry written at the age of 15 was lauded by critics with one saying "it was like finding diamonds in a dustbin." The slim volume won a spastics society award.

Christy, strapped into his wheelchair as his arms shoot out and his heads rolls involuntarily backwards, has written an autobiography laced with his own, often bawdy humour.

"Humour is the spice of life. What else can I do but laugh at myself. Just think of a person with a stick on his head trying to explain himself to a person who is blessed with coordination."

Why the rich language? "My mind is just like a spin dryer at full speed. My thoughts fly around my skull while words cascade into my lap," he explains.

Lavan terminal attacked

BAGHDAD, Jan 20, (Reuter): Iraq said its warplanes attacked Iran's Lavan Island oil terminal in the southern Gulf today, flying a successful round trip of 1,600 km (1,000 miles).

A military spokesman said the planes penetrated Iranian air defences to pound oil installations at the terminal. All the aircraft returned safely, he added.

Lavan Island is generally considered outside the normal range of the Iraqi Air Force, but it has been raided several times. The last attack was on Sept. 18 last year.

The spokesman said the plane scored accurate hits on their targets, setting them on fire. Thick columns of smoke were billowing into the sky as they left, he said.

Most of Iraq's air attacks on Iran's oil facilities have concentrated on Kharq Island terminal in the northern Gulf and on the fleet of tankers ferrying oil to the safer waters in the south.

US snowstorm

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (AP): A snowstorm whipping drifts up to 14 feet (4.3-meters) high stranded hundreds of motorists as it roared toward the midwest yesterday, while tornadoes pounded parts of the south, killing five people.

At least 27 deaths have been blamed on bad weather this week, while the snowstorm moving east caused an estimated \$72 million in damage to Southern California and Mexico.

Commandos die in clashes with Israeli forces

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In the West Bank city of Ramallah, a reporter saw troops patrolling the city with rifles, clubs and crowbars, shouting Palestinians and forcing merchants on the main street to keep stores open.

In the nearby Kadura refugee camp, brown-bereted soldiers used their clubs and the wooden handles of pick axes to push open doors and climbed onto the roofs of homes searching for protesters.

Israel's police minister, Chaim Bar Lev, warned today curfews might be imposed for the first time as an anti-riot measure in Jerusalem's Arab neighbourhoods.

At a meeting earlier this week, the cabinet made a secret decision to authorise police to impose curfews in Jerusalem at their discretion and with the approval of Maj Gen Amram Mizrahi, head of the military's central command, political sources said.

Lev told reporters today: "The legal possibility exists (to impose curfews) through an Army warrant."

Eight killed in US plane crash

DURANGO, Colorado, Jan 20, (AP): A commuter airliner crashed in a mountainous area of southern Colorado last night, killing eight of the 17 people aboard, authorities said.

Nine survivors were taken to a Durango hospital, but two people trapped in the plane's wreckage died early today, officials said.

Earlier, sheriff's Sgt Dan Bender said the two in the plane were "alert and conscious, talking to rescuers."

At least one person was able to walk from the crash site, and rescue workers followed his tracks through three feet (one meter) of snow to find the wreckage, authorities said.

Bruce Hicks, an airline spokesman, said there were 15 passengers, one of them a child, and two crew members aboard the Denver-to-Durango flight.

The passenger who walked away was Peter Schauer, a consultant from Missouri. He walked about half an hour from the wreckage to a house owned by Thelma Tate, where calls were made for help, Tate said.

Schauer was one of those taken to Mercy Medical Centre.

The plane is owned by Colorado Springs-based Trans Colorado, which leases planes and crew to Rocky Mountain Airways, which flies under the name Continental Express.

Nine people were taken to Mercy Medical Centre in Durango for treatment said

News Agency also said that Tunisia is about to restore full diplomatic ties with Egypt after a nine-year break.

Quoting Arab diplomatic sources in Cairo, the Egyptian news agency said in a dispatch late yesterday that the official announcement regarding the reopening of diplomatic relations between Tunis and the Egyptian capital will be announced "next week."

Tunisian Prime Minister El-Hadi El-Bakouche met with his Egyptian counterpart Atef Sidki on Monday during a one-hour stopover in Cairo.

El-Bakouche told Mena he discussed the upcoming reopening of relations between the two north African countries during his Cairo stopover.

In Cairo, the Middle East

Hussein.

Diplomatic sources said Rifa'i's talks were likely to cover Jordan's effort to reconcile Syria and Iraq.

Rifa'i later returned to Amman.

The official Petra news agency said the King's message to Assad had covered "recent developments in the region and the latest on the popular uprising of the Palestinian people against the Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

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© Australian aboriginal actor Burnum Burnum flew out of Sydney on Jan 19 for England where he intends to claim UK on behalf of aboriginal people to even the score on the 200th anniversary of British settlement of Australia. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Ministry plays active role in defending Islam

MOHAMMED Naser Al Hamdhan, the Undersecretary for Kuwait's Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, said that the ministry plays an active role in defending Islam, adding that HH the Amir as present head of the Organisation of Islamic Conference supports Muslims in the defence of Islam around the world.

All informational aims are used to achieve this aim, he added, and Kuwaiti youths are very active in Africa in spreading Islam among Africans.

Al Hamdhan explained that the ministry allows imams to select the subjects of their Friday sermons, but are instructed not to attack regimes, persons or establishments. He said that imams have been asked not to

give sermons which are too lengthy, adding that the ministry does not distinguish between one mosque and another. He added that the ministry plays an active role in defending Islam, adding that HH the Amir as present head of the Organisation of Islamic Conference supports Muslims in the defence of Islam around the world.

There are about 90 Kuwaiti working as imams in Kuwait's mosques, he said, but added that more imams are needed to serve in the approximately 35 new mosque which are being built every year.

Sheikh Saad has taken a keen interest in the case.

ACO helps exchange experiences

TALEB Al Taher, the Director General of the Arab Cities Organisation, said that ACO was established primarily to maintain and preserve the environment of Arab cities throughout the world.

Municipalities play the most important role in issuing legislation protecting the environment, such as cleanliness laws and laws controlling the work of slaughterhouses and peddlars as well as protecting public utilities, he said.

Al Omar said that a collective total of 34,668 workdays were lost as a result of accidents to workers and insurance compensation reached KD642,437. Medical treatment and hospital expenses covered by the state totalled KD160,609, he said, and the total losses resulting from work-related accidents in the governorate reached KD4 million including the cost of equipment, construction damage and loss of raw materials.

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Siamese twins still alive

British expert consulted

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S health authorities have sought the opinion of a British expert in neo-natal open heart surgery concerning the case of the Siamese twins born in Kuwait nine days ago. The move comes in the wake of instructions given by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to explore all avenues to save the twins.

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Feeding

Kuwait's specialists are reluctant to operate on the Siamese twins because of severe congenital abnormalities in both babies.

The British expert, Dr Stark from London Hospital for Sick Children, who has been in telephone contact with doctors in Kuwait, was not optimistic about the prospects for surgery. But he asked for a detailed history and records which are being taken today to London by Health Ministry Undersecretary, Dr Nael Al Naqib, who is going there for some other work.

Meanwhile, the doctors are



Kuwait's Siamese twins are being kept alive with mechanical ventilation and intravenous feeding.

and kidneys as well as some neurological defects.

The babies' father, an Egyptian teacher, has expressed his confidence in Kuwait's doctors and is ready for the worst. The mother, who had delivered four children before giving birth to the twins, was discharged from the Addan hospital yesterday.

856 industrial accidents

ADNAN Al Omar, the director of the labour department at Kuwait's Hawalli Governorate, said that 856 industrial accidents were reported in the Hawalli Governorate last year, adding that six workers were killed and 341 suffered from permanent to partial disability.

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Soviets support implementation of UN resolution on Gulf war

KUWAIT'S Ambassador to the Soviet Union Abdul Mohsen Al Duaij was quoted as saying yesterday that the Soviet Union is not against the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution 598 which calls for an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper Duaij said: "Let's be frank, the Soviet Union has not assisted Iran against the Arabs and its positions have been well-known for the two belligerents, and Moscow has not supplied Iran with arms but since the beginning of the conflict it has

been against the war."

The ambassador said however, the Soviet Union has long border with Iran and it is natural to be keen on good neighbourly relations with Iran.

Progress

The Ambassador expressed satisfaction over the progress of relations between Moscow and Kuwait last year.

He disclosed that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had paid tribute to Kuwaiti leadership when he met him to congratulate

him on the October Revolution anniversary.

Answering another question on the prospects of relations between the Soviet Union and the Gulf states which do not have diplomatic ties with Moscow, the ambassador said "relations between countries, big and small, is something important and vital and help maintain stability."

He said however, that all the Gulf states are well aware of their interests and emphasised that "our principal objective is to make the Gulf a lake of peace and security."

KAMCS maps out programme

THE administration of the Kuwait Amateur Motorists and Cyclists Society held a meeting yesterday presided over by the chairman Tarek Al Raies.

They discussed a number of issues and the proposed

programme of activity for the new year, including a motor and cycle races on Friday, Jan 22.

The members also discussed sending a delegation to Saudi Arabia to take part in a four-day racing festival at Bardel.

Ten fires at camp sites reported

ALI Al Qabandi, the Public Relations Director at Kuwait's General Fire Department, said that 10 fires had been reported at camp sites during the first week of the spring holiday this year, adding that all of the accidents were the result of negligence on the part of campers while preparing food.

He expressed disappointment that such a large number of fires were reported in spite of the department's informational campaigns and warnings by security officers about the dangers of unsupervised fires.

Campers failed to take the required precautions, he said, to protect tents from fires, especially when kerosene or gas stoves are being used. Al Qabandi explained that all combustible materials such as wood, gases and kerosene should be kept at a safe distance from fires and generators should be located away from tents.

Two people were injured in the accidents, he said.

Study on schools

THE Undersecretary of Kuwait's Education Ministry Abdul Rahman Al Khudari issued a resolution setting up a committee assigned to study the possible benefits of increasing the size of school buildings and to determine the needs of schools during the present Five Year Plan. The committee will be headed by the director of the Planning Department at the ministry, Yousef Al Tarrah.

Jailed for selling liquor

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has sentenced two men to two years imprisonment each and a third man to four years imprisonment *in absentia* and a fine of KD1,000 for smuggling and selling liquor.

Detectives in Qadisiya learnt that one of the men was selling liquor and sent a secret agent to buy 21 boxes of whisky from the man. He agreed, and brought the liquor with one of the other men on the appointed day and collected the money. As soon as the deal was completed, police rushed in, arrested them and got the whisky and the money.

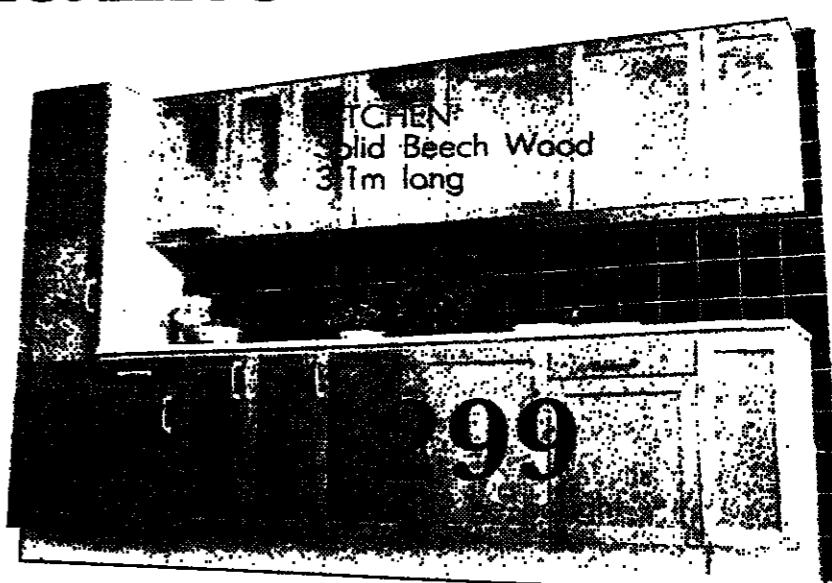
The two men said they got the whisky from a man who kept the liquor at his farm in Uqaila. When the police raided the farm they found a number of whisky boxes, but the man had disappeared.

Child killed

A CHILD died after being run over by a car yesterday in Kuwait.

There were 15 accidents, with four taking place in Hawalli, nine in Ahmadi and two in Jahra.

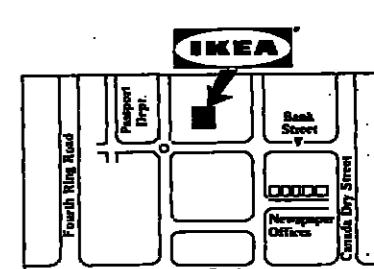
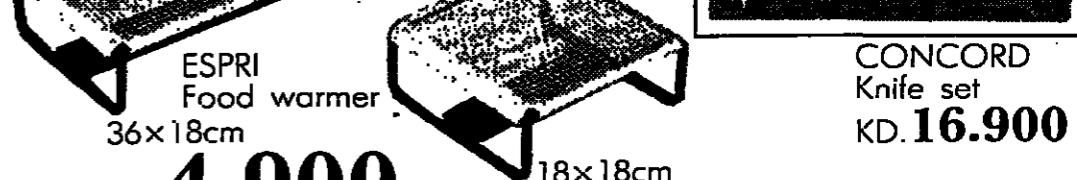
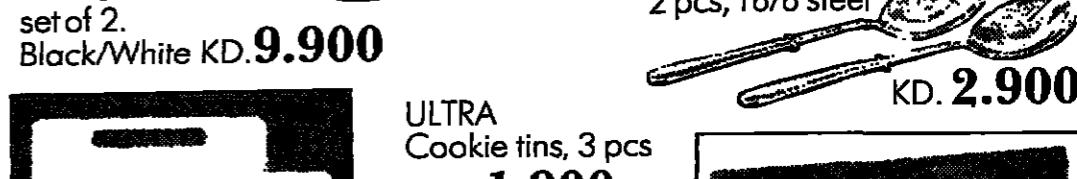
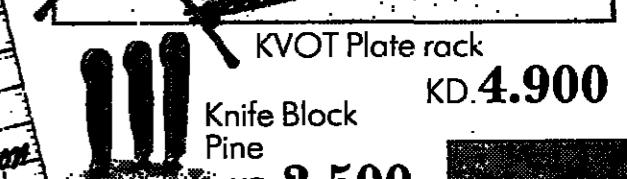
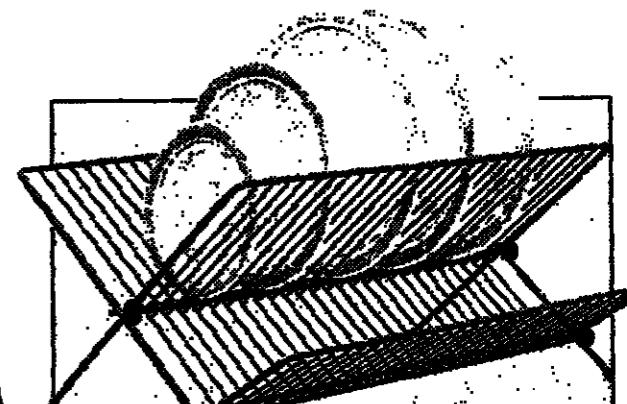
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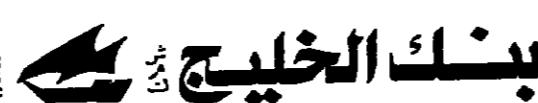
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Kuwaitis encouraged to preserve old fishing methods

THE Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources recently distributed traditional Kuwaiti fishing fence traps in an effort to encourage Kuwaitis to preserve their old fishing methods.

A number of such fence traps are still seen near the coast. Each trap is named after its owner and even inherited by sons and relatives after his death.

But with the development of modern fishing methods, such as boats and nets, the use of traps

dropped sharply.

One user of the fence traps, Hamad Ibrahim, told the *Seyasah* newspaper that the traps are widely used in summer while some fishermen remove them in winter. He added that fence traps are not used much these days because fishermen prefer modern methods.

Returns

Formerly all kinds of fish were caught in the traps but now only one or two types were trapped, he said.

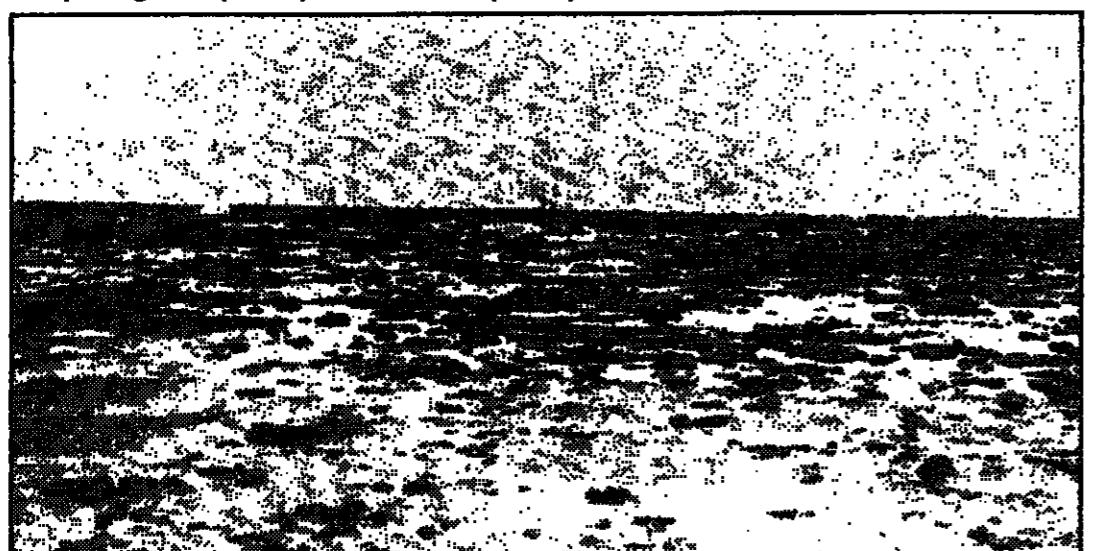
Ibrahim said that the financial returns from fence traps were very low at present and did not exceed KD300 a month, while maintenance costs over KD900 annually.

He claimed that some people erected traps in the sea but did not use them, thus preventing interested fishermen from using the area.

He appealed to officials to preserve the practice of using fence traps because this was a Kuwaiti tradition.



A trap at high tide (above) and at low tide (below).



Palestinian children continue protest at foreign embassies

A GROUP of Palestinian children continued yesterday their march to foreign embassies accredited to the state of Kuwait and delivered to them letters on the plight of the Palestinian people in "diaspora" and under the Israeli occupation.

The children, who started their drive on Tuesday by marching toward embassies of the five permanent members of the Security Council, met yesterday with the ambassadors of Japan, and Spain and a senior diplomat at the West German Embassy.

"We, the children of Palestine, have been deprived of our homeland and of visiting our homes where our grandfathers had lived for thousands of years but we still live with the hope of going back to our country," said a message read by one of the group's members and delivered to the embassies.

Suppressed

The message, seeking solidarity from all countries of the world to the Palestinian cause, drew the attention to the fact that the unarmed Palestinian children were savagely suppressed by heavily armed Israeli soldiers in addition to women and the elders who are being subjected to the worst kind of suppression, coercion, killing, torture, arrest and starvation at the hands of the Israeli soldiers and settlers in a way which violates the simplest human rights and

even takes mankind back to the law of the jungle.

The children appealed to the diplomats to convey the message to their respective governments to secure support to the cause of the Palestinian people and urged the council to help stop annihilation of the people and work for withdrawal of the Israeli troops from the Arab lands and the creation of a Palestinian state.

In the meanwhile, Palestinian professional and trade unions here as well as members of the

Iraq opens canal linking Tigris and Euphrates

BAGHDAD, Jan 20, (Opecna) Iraqi Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation Karim Hassan Ridha inaugurated the second stage of the \$333-million Tharthar multi-purpose irrigation project linking the Tigris and Euphrates rivers at the weekend.

Water started to flow in the Tharthar-Tigris canal which is 65 km long, 190 metres wide and between eight to 25 metres deep.

The first stage, completed in 1976, involved the construction of the Tharthar-Euphrates canal.

The scheme, which will benefit three million farmers in the Euphrates river basin, has the capacity to drain surplus water at a rate of 1,100 cu. metres per second.

The first has a capacity to drain water at a rate of 500 cu. metres per second, while the

second can drain it at a rate of 600 cu. metres per second.

The project also involves eight bridges, including six for vehicular traffic, in addition to irrigation systems across the canals.

More than 61 million cu. metres of earth was moved and 157,000 cu. metres of concrete used to complete the project.

The Tharthar-Tigris canal will feed the Tigris river from the Tharthar artificial lake, when required, and help in desalinating the lake, which will be developed into a tourist area.

Earlier, a source at the Iraqi state commission for dams, which carried out the project, stated that the project would not only ensure the optimum use of the country's water resources but also minimise the danger of floods.



© Celebrating its fifth anniversary this year, Kids 'n' Us, opened their fourth showroom at Al Rihab Complex recently. The vice president, Abdulla M Fakira, opened the showroom in the presence of many visitors, including hundreds of children and their parents. BB Bear toured the showroom, and the Smurfs and four clowns gave away gifts to the children while a band played. Picture shows some children at the showroom.



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, bidding farewell to Tunisia's Prime Minister, Hadi Baccouche (right), at Kuwait airport.

Kisr training course ends

THE closing ceremony for the third summer training course of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (Kisr) was held under the patronage of the Education Ministry Undersecretary, Abdul Rahman Al Khudari.

Kisr deputy director-general, Mohammad Al Asfour, made a speech in which he said that the main element of the course was the use of computers. He added that the course was part of Kisr's efforts to spread scientific awareness among graduates as a key pre-requisite for all scientific research activities.

He stressed the importance of

Court refrains from passing sentence

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court refrained from passing sentence on a couple for having sexual intercourse, but made them give a pledge of good conduct for two months.

The court was told the man had intercourse twice with a 15-year-old girl with her approval, and she made it easy for the man to enter her room. The girl's employer caught the man when he attempted to enter the room again.

The couple admitted their action, but submitted their marriage contract and promised not to repeat such acts.

Scholastic activities develop talents

ABDUL Aziz Al Hamdan, the Director of Kuwait's Capital educational area said scholastic activities were a means of creating a generation of Kuwaitis who will develop their individual talents to use in cooperative efforts.

He added that the ministry's various programmes contributed to this attitude by encouraging students to realise their full potential in working towards national educational objectives.

Al Hamdan praised the ministry's concern in creating an atmosphere in which students could excel in all fields of study, adding that the ministry was constantly developing special programmes aimed at improving students' performance.

Vienna mayor in Riyadh

RIYADH, Jan 20, (Opecna) Relations between Saudi Arabia and Austria are witnessing steady progress, according to mayor of Vienna Dr Helmut Zilk who is here for a visit.

Zilk told reporters that his talks with the governor of Riyadh, Prince Salman Bin Abdulaziz, dealt with ways and means of strengthening relations between the two countries.

Praising the remarkable development made by Riyadh city Zilk underlined the importance of the relationship between the two capitals.

The Vienna mayor reminded his hosts of the historical links between Arab and Austrian cultures, pointing out that the first institute for Arabic studies was established in Vienna 200 years ago.

Dutch minister in Sanaa

SANA, Jan 20, (Kuna) Holland's Foreign Minister, Hanz van den Broek arrived here today from Khartoum on an official visit to Yemen Arab Republic.

Broek said in a statement to the *Sanaa News Agency* after his arrival that he will discuss with Yemeni officials international and regional issues which concern both sides as well as bilateral relations.

the role of science and research in the development of civilisation, in the fulfilment of national requirements, in implementation of development programmes that sought to qualify graduates to become scientists and researchers, and in development of scientific and creative talents.

Al Asfour added that the course was taken by 26 secondary students from 13 schools where computers had not been

He urged students to do their best to be successful in all their scientific undertakings so that they could contribute to national development and play an active, positive part in building our

country.

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Labour camp ends

THE director of the 36th labour camp for youths Fahd Al Durai said yesterday that the youths translated the camp's goals into "tangible reality" in a short period of time.

He added, in a word at the conclusion of the 36th labour camp, that who raised the slogan of "Kuwait, a green oasis", prepared the soccer field for the social care house and planted palm trees, believed in the importance of the country's afforestation.

Al Durai indicated that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour furnished all facilities needed to make the camp a success which opened Jan 9 to create a positive youth participation.

The camp, in which 24 young people took part, targets enhancing the abilities and talents of the participants through exercising the various activities and getting to know each other.

Omani ship arrives in Sydney

SYDNEY, Jan 20, (Kuna) Sultanate of Oman's sail training ship "Shabab Oman" arrived here today to participate together with two hundred Australian and international ships, in Australia's bicentenary celebrations. Oman News Agency reported.

Shabab Oman, the only Arab ship participating in the ceremony, was received on arrival at the harbour by a number of Australian officials and marine officers, representative of the Sultan of Oman Navy Commander Hilal Bin Mohammed Al Rashdi and a number of members of the Arab communities in Australia.

Kuwait pays \$2m of UN dues

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 20, (Reuter) Kuwait delivered a cheque for \$2,099,971 to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar yesterday, representing its assessed UN contribution for 1988, a UN spokesman said.

Several members have paid their dues unusually early this year to help restore UN solvency. The Secretary-General said funds were critically depleted by tardy payments and the failure of some members to pay any of their dues.

The first phase of the 30-million-dollar restoration ended in September with the recon-

Tunisian premier visits Qatar

DOHA, Jan 20, (Agencies) Tunisian Prime Minister Hadi Baccouche delivered a message to the Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, today on the second leg of a Gulf tour to explain the change of power in his country.

He is carrying messages to leaders in Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates from President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali who replaced the ageing Habib Bourguiba last November.

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Kuwaiti envoy

DAMASCUS, Jan 20, (Kuna) Kuwait Ambassador to Syria Ahmed Abdulaziz Al Jasem today met the Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Al Zouabi.

He will keep watch at night for black things with funny little bits sticking out," said 30-year-old Dutch woman Agnes van Galen when asked if she knew what mines looked like.

The catamaran captain, Peter Lund-Jackson, 40, from New Zealand, said the first week on the 10,000-mile voyage would be the most dangerous "because of the political set-up in the Gulf and the shipping war."

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The threat there was not like now ... should we let the threat stop us and worry us or go ahead? We are not a threat to anyone and will keep a good look out," Trish said.

"We are far too financially committed," Lund-Jackson said when asked if he had considered abandoning the 10-month trip.

Amateurs brave tanker war on New Zealand voyage

BAHRAIN, Jan 20, (Reuter) A New Zealand couple built the twin-hull raft for \$54,000 but did not insure it. "The Gulf is a war zone and the premiums are outrageous," Lund-Jackson said.

He had written about the voyage to Dutch friends Agnes and her husband Bas van Galen, a helicopter pilot.

"We discussed it and our decision was easy. We quit our jobs, left home and came here to sail with them," Agnes said.

Lund-Jackson once sailed a single hull boat from Taiwan to San Francisco and has also left his job to make the new trip.

He invited his British friend, 37-year-old carpenter Steven Cowen, 37, to join them.

"It's the only one with the real experience, but we are all fast learners," said Cowen.

"When I heard from Pete it sounded like a great trip, I said 'what the hell I'll do it.' But because of the Gulf dangers, he added, 'My girlfriend thought I was a little crazy.'"

Iraq announces multimillion-dollar plan for restoration of Babylon

BAGHDAD, Jan 20, (AP) Iraq announced yesterday a multimillion-dollar plan for the reconstruction of new sections of the fabled Biblical city of Babylon.

"The second phase for the restoration and reconstruction of this old capital of ancient Mesopotamia started on Sunday and is expected to take nine months," said Muad Saeed, the director of antiquities at the Ministry of Culture and Information.

The restoration will include the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar, who reigned in the 6th and 5th centuries B.C. in the compound of his palace were considered one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

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ROYAL COURT

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah yesterday received former Lebanese Prime Minister Dr. Amin Al Hafiz, the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, the Minister of Planning Mohammed Soleiman Sayed Ali and Kuwaiti Ambassador to Chid Hassen Al Dabbagh. He also received several citizens of the public diwan.

and European countries. But the company is in contact with Kuwait Airways Corporation, he said, and KAC has expressed an interest in cooperating either toward the reduction in cargo charges or in securing the delivery of the Kuwaiti produce to the importers.

He added that the company has also contacted companies in Greece and Italy about the production of tomato paste in Kuwait.

Awadi meets Egyptian minister

CAIRO, Jan 20, (Kuna) Kuwait's Health Minister, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Awadi and health ministers of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain met here today with Egyptian Health Minister Raged Dweidar.

The Egyptian Middle East News Agency Mena said the meeting discussed the cooperation between Egypt and Gulf states in different fields, especially exchange of physicians, medical training, and pharmaceutical industries.



● A Gulf Air official, Saleh Issa Kindy (right), presents a Gulf Air return ticket to London to a member of the Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club, Geoff Bennett, who won it at the club's annual year end function.

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EVENTS



Table Talk

BY DINAH

Quality food at Chinese diner

I WONDER if, like me, you have often walked through the Salmia Complex behind the Meridian Hotel without being aware that there is a Chinese restaurant hidden away on the second mezzanine floor. Behind the ornately carved moon gate entrance-way of the Peking Chinese Restaurant is a quite simple wood-panelled room with some private eating areas screened off behind sliding doors. Although the carved Chinese screens, ceiling and painted lanterns are very attractive, the restaurant itself is a little dingy and lacking in atmosphere. The chairs are not that comfortable and could certainly do with some new covers. We were at first put off by the incongruous Western disco music but were relieved when it was replaced by some gentle Asian ballads. Go quality ivory chopsticks provided in addition to spoon and fork, but the rest of the tableware was mismatched and rather cheap — Chinese tea being served in Turkish coffee cups, for example.

Because our first impressions were so negative, we were very pleasantly surprised by the excellence of the food itself when it arrived. The menu offers over 150 dishes ranging through beef, poultry, seafood, mutton, noodles, soups and rice and including delicacies such as shark's fin, bird's nest, sea-cucumber and Peking Duck. Some items were not available or needed to be ordered in advance, however. Guests can select either large or small portions of each dish; the small servings being adequate for two people when a variety of dishes is ordered.

Appetiser

We began the meal with prawn crackers — the perfect light appetiser if you don't feel hungry enough for the rather filling Chinese soups. The tasty, crisp crackers were excellent, although rather expensive at 750 fils for a small plate. All of the main course dishes we chose were cooked to perfection. Light and delicate in flavour they were ideal for those who prefer their food without rich sauces. The Fried Prawn Slices comprised a generous helping of very fresh prawns, subtly flavoured with a hint of ginger and served with bamboo shoots, carrots, peas and mushrooms. This dish was certainly good value at KD2.

The Fried Beef with Chai Chai was also excellent. Best quality tender beef, finely shredded with onions and pickled seaweed, it had a melting texture and was seasoned with a dash of Szechuan pepper. The Vegetarian's Delight was a tasty dish with the fresh natural flavour of green and yellow peppers, onions, two varieties of mushrooms and glass nood-

les. To accompany these dishes we chose Fried Rice with Chicken: a light mixture of rice, spring onions, peas and chicken strips.

Dessert

If you go to eat at the Peking, I would advise you not to bother with dessert. Although about ten different sweets were mentioned on the menu, in fact only two were available. The lychees with ice-cream was simply tinned lychees with vanilla ice-cream, while the almond jelly consisted of squares of a rather tasteless jelly with tinned fruit salad.

The total bill came to KD11.770 which included Chinese tea (400 fils) and compulsory mineral water charged at 400 fils. A ten per cent service charge is also added to the bill. We could have eaten more cheaply if we had skipped the desserts (KD1.400) and the prawn crackers.

The service was friendly and efficient and the food arrived promptly. That the restaurant is popular with the Asian community is perhaps the best recommendation for the quality of the food served there. The Peking is open for lunch 12-3pm and dinner from 6.30-11pm.

RESTAURANT: The Peking Chinese Restaurant

TYPE: Chinese restaurant in the Salmia Complex

MEAL: Three course a la carte

PRICE: KD11.770

Star rating (out of five):

FOOD: ***

SERVICE: ***

ATMOSPHERE: **

VALUE FOR MONEY: ****

CINEMA

Al Andafas
Al Nimir Wal Uns (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Salmiya
The Living Daylights
Starring: Timothy Dalton

Al Hamra
Ya... Sadiqi Kam... Tasawi (Arabic)
Starring: Farouq Fishawi, Safiya Al Omari

Drive-In
Al Nimir Wal Uns (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Firdous
Kaash (Hindi)
Starring: Jackie Shroff, Dimple Kapadia

Fahheel Open-Air
Watan Ke Rakhwale (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra

Sumil Dutt

Al-Fahheel
Rajalakshmi Srikant (Bengali)

Al Jaha

La'amat Al Maal (Arabic)

Granada

One Crazy Summer

Sudsabikhat

Ajantha (Malayalam)

Al Jeeb

Hawalat (Hindi)

Ahmed Drive-In

Bimaat Haratna (Arabic)

Friday

Al Jaha

Police Story

Granada

Mahaan (Hindi)

Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Zeenat Aman

Sudsabikhat

Choose Me

Al Jeeb

Hawali and Nugra

Al Hawali Pharmacy

PRAYERS

Fajr 5.19 am

Zuhr 12.00

Asr 2.58 pm

Maghreb 5.17

Isha 6.37

Friday

Fajr 5.19 am

Friday Prayer 12.00 noon

Asr 2.58 pm

Maghreb 5.18

Isha 6.38

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait

Garnata Pharmacy

Rashid Bldg., Fahad Al Salem St.

Al Ameen Pharmacy

Bebbehani Complex, Jaber Al Mubarak St.

Hawali and Nugra

Al Hawali Pharmacy

Tunis St.

Salimiya and Rumaihiya

Qortuba Pharmacy

Salem Al Mubarak St.

Fahheel and Ahmadi

Al Sadaf Pharmacy

Makkah St., Fheil

Farwania

Al Najat Pharmacy

Main St.

Jahra

Al Khalid Pharmacy

Opp Cooperative Society

Friday

Salimiya and Rumaihiya

Qortuba Pharmacy

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Fahheel and Ahmadi

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Al Khalid Pharmacy

Opp Cooperative Society

Salmiya and Rumaihiya

Al Raed Pharmacy

Amman St.

Jahra Al Shiyook

Al Mojil Bldg., Abdullah Al Mubarak St.

Bahgdad Pharmacy

Abdullah Al Salem St.

Hawalli and Nugra

Al Saadah Pharmacy

Nr. Tawari Mosque,

Othman St.

Salmiya and Rumaihiya

Al Raed Pharmacy

Amman St.

Jahra Al Shiyook

Haswania Pharmacy

Block 2, Main St.

Jahra

Al Noor Pharmacy

Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

Fahheel and Ahmadi

Al Wafa Pharmacy

Dabbous Palace, Dabbous St.

F. Fheel

Kuwait National History Group

The next meeting of the group will be held from 7.30 pm on Tuesday, Jan 26, at the Gulf English School. An illustrated talk on Kashmir will be given by Ian Donaldson. For further details contact Eric Shaw. Tel: 3718417.

Winter Serenade

The Kuwait Players Winter Serenade will be an evening to remember — haute cuisine, music, sparkling and show stoppers, nostalgic balls, moodys blues and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jenny, Lynley, Reem, Rosie and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey, Ross Langhorne and Gienia Muckle. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Meridian Hotel, on Feb. 1, 2 and 3. Feb. 4 Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. For details ring 2656265; 5334695 or 5730641.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach

Al Mubarakah features lunch and dinner, open 24 hours. Special barbecue evenings held on Thursday night in Al Jawharah supperclub. Sumptuous buffet with all the trimmings. On Friday, special Friday buffet for all the family in Al Mubarakah and Al Jawharah features children's party with band, clown, games and prizes, from 4 pm to 7 pm.

At the Hilton

Jazz brunch featured in La Palma on Friday. The brunch buffet features specialities of the deep American south like crispy corn patties, sugared yams, New Orleans jambalaya, cajun rice and much more. Enjoy the food while listening to jazz blues played by the Magenta Band Quartet.

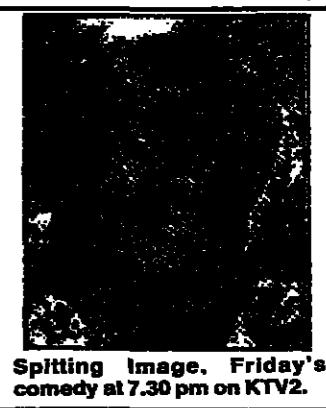
At the SAS

Every Tuesday is Sahrat Al Column, an oriental night. Experience the exotic charm of the Orient at the Tent. Arabian bazaar, perfumes, jewellery, clothes and rugs are some of the attractions. Dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

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dream they would like fulfilled.
10.30 Crime Story: "The Battle of Las Vegas". Lucas dominates the night club business in Las Vegas.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Spitting Image, Friday's comedy at 7.30 pm on KTV2.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
10.05 Fi Rihab Tarbiya: an educational programme presented by Jassim Al Ghareeb.
11.00 Songs
11.30 Islam Wal Insaan: "Islam and Man", religious programme, hosted by Dr Abdul Suboor Al Shahin.
12.00 Ma Da'a Wa Anhama Min Akbar Jahan: Arabic serial, part 3; starring Sheza Salem, Khalil Rifai, Mohammad Hussain Abdul Rahim.
1.00 News Summary
1.20 World News via Satellite
1.30 Lecture on Rites in Islam
1.45 Friday Prayer
12.15 Min Wah Al Ayat Al Bayan: religious serial.
1.20 News Summary
1.30 World News via Satellite
2.00 Preview of next week's programme on KTV
2.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi.
3.00 INTERVAL
4.00 Sports
4.15 Falah Faq Al Shajrah: Arabic play, starring Ahmad Bader, Mimi Jamal and Hassan Mustafa.
6.15 Kuwait in a Week
7.00 News Summary
7.10 Kal al Funoon: hosted by Rasha Magdi.
7.45 Weekly Discussion
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Wrestling
10.45 Club Eind Al Marafa: ep. 3 Arabic play featuring Maryam Al Saleh, Huda Hussain, Ibrahim Al Harbi. A social series on the role of the family in Kuwait and Bahrain.
11.50 News Summary
11.55 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Children's Magazine
10.05 News Summary via Satellite
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Thought for today

LET US be happy and live within our means, even if we have to borrow the money to do it with— Artemus Ward, US revolutionary commander (1727-1800).

Hitting hard where it hurts

By Dan Izenberg

YAVNE, Israel, (AP): A 20-year Israeli policy of employing Palestinians has been threatened by six weeks of unrest in the occupied territories in which up to half the workers have failed to show up at their jobs.

Government officials have played down the impact on the economy, but Israeli employers warn they will have to bring more labourers from abroad if the disturbances continue.

About 105,000 Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip work in Israel, most concentrated in low-skilled and low-paying jobs.

They work as waiters, mechanics, furniture makers, construction labourers, hospital orderlies, itinerant fruit pickers, cleaners, dishwashers and garbage collectors.

Many are found in the so-called "slave markets" on the highway leading out of the Gaza Strip or near the old, walled city of occupied Jerusalem where they wait, sometimes in vain, to be picked up by Jewish employers at the day's arbitrary rate.

Acute

The past six weeks of unrest has forced many to stay home.

The problem is especially acute in the Gaza Strip where teen-aged Palestinians have blocked roads and stoned vehicles carrying workers to Israel. The youths accuse the adults of collaborating with Israel by working for Jewish employers.

For its part, the Army has imposed curfews on more than a dozen refugee camps and ordered all residents to stay indoors to suppress the disturbances.

The result is that on some days more than 50,000 Palestinians—about three per cent of the Israeli labour force—have failed to come to work.

For many reasons, Palestinian labour is a sensitive issue and officials are reluctant to admit that the labour loss is causing difficulties for Israel's economy, including the crucial export sector.

Soviets mend fences with neutral Sweden

By Helen Womack

OSLO, (Reuter): Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov has largely succeeded in mending fences with neutral Sweden but has severely disappointed Norwegians during his tour of Scandinavia.

In Stockholm, he achieved a breakthrough in a 19-year-old row over territorial waters in the Baltic Sea, signing an accord which gave Sweden 75 per cent of the disputed zone.

Sweden's Social Democratic Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson had made Baltic agreement a condition for improving bilateral relations after several years of strain over alleged foreign submarine intrusions in Swedish waters.

"The agreement is good economically, good strategically and good for our internal security. Never has a small nation produced such a successful result from negotiations with a superpower," Carlsson told reporters last week.

Benefit

But in Nato-member Norway, Labour Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland said she was very disappointed that Ryzhkov had only rehashed proposals already rejected by Oslo for sharing out the sea and continental shelf in the Barents Sea in the Arctic.

"There is no movement in the direction we had hoped for. There is little that indicates a change and that is a disappointment," she said after talks on Thursday.

Moscow, which last sent a prime minister to Scandinavia in the early 1970s, wants to develop ties with the small but successful industrial states largely for economic reasons.

In both Norway and Sweden it hopes to attract business interest in establishing joint ventures in the Soviet Union and it would like to take advantage of Norwegian expertise in exploiting off-shore oil deposits.

In Stockholm, Ryzhkov reported he had found Swedish businessmen too timid to make

Badshah Khan fought for Pathan rights

By Rahimullah Yousufzai

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, (UPI): Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, dubbed the "Frontier Gandhi" for leading the non-violent struggle against British rule among tribes along the Afghan border, died after a long illness, hospital sources said. He was 98.

Ghaffar Khan was one of the last surviving legendary leaders of the subcontinent's "Quit India" movement.

Ghaffar Khan spent 16 years in jail for his leadership role in the non-violent struggle against British rule that brought independence to the subcontinent in 1947.

But unlike those who advocated partition of the subcontinent into Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan, Khan called for the preservation of a single nation. He was labelled a "traitor" and a "foreign agent" by the Islamabad government.

After independence, he was imprisoned for a further 16 years and spent more than five years in self-exile for launching a

movement against the alleged discrimination by Pakistan's majority Punjabis against the ethnic Pathan community, which populates the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and northern Afghanistan.

India, however, has always honoured him and in 1987 conferred on Ghaffar Khan the nation's highest award, the Bharat Ratna, for his contributions and sacrifices in freedom struggle.

Born in 1890, the tribal leader was the son of a rich landlord of the NWFP. He joined the British Army, but soon resigned in protest when a fellow Pathan officer was insulted by an English officer.

After his wife died in 1912, Ghaffar Khan devoted his life to the freedom struggle, social reform and the education of Pathans.

In 1929, he founded a social movement called "Khudai Khidmatgar (Servants of God) to infuse the spirit of community service among Pathans. His followers were known as "Red Shirts."

But a year later, he converted



Ghaffar Khan: leader

the organisation into a political movement and held protests against British rule for which he was frequently imprisoned.

He became known as the "Frontier Gandhi" for his association with Mohandas K. "Mahatma" Gandhi, the Indian

independence leader and apostle of non-violence.

He was released in 1964 by Pakistan to travel to London for medical treatment. He later was granted political asylum in Afghanistan.

He never held public office in Pakistan, but the six-foot-three (1.9 metre) spiritual leader of the Pathans was known to them as "Badshah (King) Khan."

Because of Ghaffar Khan's politics before and after the partition of India and Pakistan, his son Abdul Wali Khan said his father spent "every third year of his life in jail."

Ghaffar Khan spent his last years in relative obscurity in Pakistan and was far more popular in India than in his native land.

In the spring of 1987, Ghaffar Khan was treated for three months at New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences as a guest of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and at the expense of the Indian government. After he was honoured with India's highest civilian award, he returned to Pakistan accompanied by several Indian ministers as a sign of respect.



Introduce new bus route

THIS letter is addressed by one of our readers to the chairman of Kuwait Public Transport Company:

SIR: Please consider introducing direct bus services to Jeeb Al Shiyookh via Abbasiya. This service will benefit a large number of bachelors living in these areas. Such a service to Jeeb Al Shiyookh would be appreciated by commuters.

Shamsuddoha, Abbasiya.

Bring down the price

SIR: Please review the price of your newspaper and bring it down to the previous 100 fils per copy. Why should we pay 50 fils more when the Arabic newspapers are not charging more than in India?

Many of my friends want to stop reading the newspaper every day by changing their reading habits. We are planning to buy the newspaper jointly twice or thrice a week. As we are the well-wishers of your daily, we hope the management will consider our request seriously and favourably.

Riaz Buti and friends.

A correct decision

SIR: I congratulate the director of the Indian school for taking a bold decision to remove a highly influential and disobedient teacher who was running a parallel school of private tuition. He enjoyed the support of wealthy parents, who claim to be the Indian community.

There are other senior teachers who are engaged in similar activities.

Removal of these people will be welcome, as majority of the parents cannot afford the high cost of private tuitions.

Espen, Salfat.

Private tuition

SIR: Private tuition is a big business at the Indian school. Unless a student attends one such tuition class run by the teachers of the school he is in trouble.

Question papers for different examinations are set in such a way that they help the students who take private tuitions. This is particularly true to mathematics. Previously the school used to encourage such tuitions. Will the authorities now stop these money-making second schools? I also want to say that the Arab Times gave undue publicity to a selfish and insincere teacher.

Joseph Johnson, Salmiya.

Slippery roads

SIR: Due to heavy rains roads have become slippery, endangering motorists. Cleaners are finding it hard to keep the roads tidy.

For the safety of people, all pavements should be covered with tiles. Side roads, which are not paved, should be asphalted to avoid accidents there. This would save a lot of inconvenience.

Prabhu Mendonca, Salfat.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1606—England's Parliament imposes severe penalties against Roman Catholics.
- 1732—Russia gives up claims to certain Persian territories by treaty of Riascha.
- 1793—France's King Louis XVI is beheaded.
- 1919—Sinn Fein congress in Dublin, Ireland, adopts declaration of independence.
- 1924—First nationalist Chinese Congress at Canton admits communists and welcomes Russian advisors.
- 1942—German forces launch new offensive in western African desert in World War II.
- 1949—Chiang Kai-Shek resigns China presidency following Nationalist Party reversals.
- 1954—First atomic submarine, USS Nautilus, is launched in United States.
- 1968—Britain draws up plans to withdraw its troops from Far East and Arabian Gulf.
- 1970—France's sale of Mirage jet planes to Libya is announced; Iraq fails to attempt to overthrow its government and promptly executes 12 men.
- 1974—United States rejects South Vietnam's request for naval support in fighting with Chinese for Paracel Islands.
- 1986—Auto packed with explosives blows up near office of President Amin Gemayel's Phalange Party in East Beirut, Lebanon, killing 22 people and wounding 102.
- 1987—Irish Parliament is dissolved, setting stage for general election.

Number of killings and disappearances increases

By Lucy Hood

GUATEMALA CITY: Although the Guatemalan government recently announced measures it has taken to improve the country's human rights situation, the number of assassinations and disappearances has increased since September.

Over the past four months, the somewhat relaxed atmosphere that had begun to permeate the country when civilian rule was installed two years ago has been pierced by news of killings and kidnappings.

Newspapers run daily stories of people gunned down in the capital as well as the countryside, and of families saying their relatives have disappeared.

Some of the cases include:

- The discovery of the bodies of two university students from Quezaltenango, Guatemala's second largest city, with signs of torture. They were found a week after witnesses reported that unidentified gunmen kidnapped them.
- The disappearance of three peasants who work with the land-reform movement of Roman Catholic priest Andres Giron. The body of one later appeared with signs of torture.
- The shooting of two former police chiefs who worked in narcotics, two children of another ex-agent in Guatemala City, and a wealthy businessman.

Coincidence

The surge in violence coincides with an ongoing military offensive aimed at wiping out guerrilla forces. The conflict between the private sector and the government over a proposed tax increase, and the countdown for compliance with the Central American peace accord.

But Ryzhkov prompted Scandinavians to question the Kremlin's commitment to openness by cancelling a television interview in Sweden after the screening of a programme on the history of anti-Russian feeling in the country.

Others say the extreme right-wing is conducting a destabilisation campaign in reaction to the law.

Amid this rise in violence, the government released a document that describes measures it has taken to improve the nation's human rights record. It says that 23 Army officials, 51 officers personnel hired by the military, and 11 military commissioners employed in the countryside are currently undergoing trials for "diverse crimes committed in 1986."

It was strategic stupidity to immobilize Egypt's role," the newspaper said. "The only natural alternative was for the Arabs to regain their throbbing heart (Egypt) so the Arab body can recover its strength."

Upholds

This portrayal was significant coming from a country that was once a resounding Egypt's ostracism in the first place.

At a news conference in Kuwait, Mubarak recalled the 1978 US-mediated Camp David framework accords between Egypt and Israel. He noted that one of the accords laid down foundations for the treaty to be negotiated, the other guidelines for solving the problem of the Palestinians.

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, twice cabled Mubarak during his tour appealing for him

to intercede with Israel to stop its crackdown on Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

The only Arab leader with an embassy in Tel Aviv, Mubarak is in a unique position to do so.

No

Mubarak repeatedly was asked during the tour whether he planned diplomatic reprisals such as severing relations or recalling Egypt's ambassador or expelling Israel's.

His reply invariably was a firm but diplomatically couched no.

In the Saudi capital Riyadh, he said: "If breaking relations will solve the problem, well and good. But if it will complicate the problem, then we should use the mind God has given us ... It would not be practical."

"Israel would like me to sever relations with it today so it can have the United States all to itself. Frankly, we will not leave the field to Israel."

Nevertheless, Mubarak criticised Israel for harshness against protesters in the occupied territories, where at least 39 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops since Dec. 8.

He took Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to task for reneging on an agreement by his predecessor Shimon Peres, now Israel's Foreign Minister, to an international conference as a forum for negotiating peace with the Arabs.

Despite such criticism, however, Mubarak stuck to Egypt's peace-with-Israel policy.

"There is no tension in relations (with Israel)," he told reporters in Bahrain's capital Manama.

He also said Egypt will feel free to buy anything Israel is selling if prices are competitive.

ings and disappearances as it did in the past.

But now, they say, the Army is more selective in who it targets and its tactics are more sophisticated and subtle.

The recent events have sparked a public outcry for an end to the violence. Other groups have joined the Mutual Support Group in demanding respect for human rights. Known by its Spanish acronym GAM, the group represents the family members of 2,000 people who have disappeared in Guatemala.

Unionists blame private business interests and the Army for the recent repression.

According to members of the labour movement, of Guatemala's only independent human rights organisation (the Mutual Support Group), and of the Roman Catholic Church, the Army continues to conduct kill-

ings and disappearances as it did in the past.

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Carlsson said the aim of the six-nation initiative, which groups the leaders of Sweden, Argentina, India, Greece, Mexico and Tanzania, was to impress upon the superpowers that disarmament was a concern for all rather than a bilateral issue.

"That is why it is so important to see to it that we have a (disarmament) process going in the right direction. If INF is an isolated decision, it will mean nothing. We still have the capacity to destroy civilisation several times over," he said.

Today in History

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 20. (Reuter): Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson said today last month's US-Soviet pact on scrapping intermediate nuclear arsenals was of no great value unless followed soon by further massive cuts in weapons systems.

Carlsson, host this week of senior statesmen at a six-nation disarmament summit, told a briefing session the superpowers pact scrapping Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) must now be followed by a ban

on nuclear space research and strategic arms.

"Today we have the INF agreement, which is isolated, not of great value, but seen as a first step which may be of historic

importance," Carlsson told reporters.

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By Firoze Rangoonwala

IN the Hindi film world, there is nothing like 'growing old gracefully'. Age is especially painful to the actress, who can no longer play heroines and have no other alternative but to play mothers or aunts. The industry does not accept their solo starrers.

While the men have a good variety of roles, the women soon find themselves at a dead end, as no strong central characters are written for them. This is the way many talented actresses were thrown out prematurely or they themselves decided wisely to retire in time. Two such actresses currently facing the dilemma are Raakhee and Nutan.

Both have been popular charming heroines of their time. Nutan started her career in 1950 but Raakhee arrived in the 70's and not even that old, though her drinking habit has taken a toll of her appearance. Yet Raakhee has hidden reserves of talent and she can give touching performances if she is in the mood if given the right role. Now she is making her last bid banking on two films, *Falak* and *Mere Baad*. If they become popular, she will get an extended lease of her career, or else...

Falak (The Sky) directed by Shashikala Nair has Raakhee as a powerful mother figure who has struggled a lot in life. She is like a mother-superior of a colony of mill workers. When a rich industrialist buys the mill and wants to convert it into a housing complex, Raakhee tells him how her destiny was linked with it.

Once upon a time her husband worked there as a security guard. But the three partners of

Nutan, Raakhee make last bid for survival



Dacait was highly praised but flopped at the box office. Raakhee with Sunny Deol in the film.

the mill had differences with him. The two villains Anupam Kher and Paresh Rawal liquidated the third partner and killed Raakhee's husband who caught them smuggling.

Raakhee brings up her two sons, Jackie Shroff and Mohan Bhandari, by slogging as a servant. Mohan turned out to be a good lawyer but Jackie who suffered more, becomes a

rebel and is also anti-social. He is often advised by the good hearted police officer Shekhar Kapoor and by his own beloved Madhavi. He even takes an oath of non-violence. But Rawal's henchman, Kiran Kumar, provoked him so much as to break his vow. Jackie is jailed for murder. He also breaks his engagement to Madhavi.

When Jackie is released from jail, he sees Madhavi has married Shekhar and is the mother of his child. He decides to leave town with his mother. But he gets the news that brother Mohan is in the clutches of Kher and Rawal, while Mohan's girl Supriya has been murdered by them. Jackie rushes to the brother's rescue and is about to kill the villains when the mother stops him. Getting the chance Rawal kills Jackie, after which Raakhee picks up the revolver and destroys the evil men. When she narrates her life story, the industrialist decides to retain the mill.

Though *Falak* has other big stars and the story is hackneyed, there are many scenes in which Raakhee has scope to display her histrionics. Like Mother India she is torn between the good and the bad son. But then Raakhee's work was also over-praised in *Amma* and *Dacait* and yet the films flopped. The actress stands a better chance in *Mere Baad*. She plays a central character and no stars to compete with except Anupam Kher as her husband.

Raakhee in *Amma*.



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In *Mere Baad* directed by Vishwanath, which has been completed but not yet sold, Raakhee becomes a victim of breast cancer. Her husband Anupam, loses his hands in an accident. The happy family with five children is almost ruined. The kids are given away for adoption to different families. But they are hollow socialites who may or may not care for the welfare of the children. When the kids occasionally come home to visit their unlucky parents, there is plenty of scope for all scenes. And Raakhee being an expert tear-jerker has a field day. However, her future hangs in the balance as distributors have not liked the film. Raakhee has wisely signed Subhash Ghai's *Ram Lakhan* playing the mother of Jackie Shroff and Anil Kapoor. She also has supporting roles in *Ilaka* and *Pyar Mohabbat*.

Nutan re-emerged with *Mera Jung Karuna*. There was a time when she had refused to grow old and accepted only central roles bigger than those of heroines. But when such roles began to vanish, she surrendered to character roles, playing mothers. Nobody can deny her talent, proved in such memorable films as *Sujata*. But why should she insist on the young and glamorous image, even now, for some stage shows? She even refused to accept the best supporting actress awards.

Anyway, Nutan has stepped down and is acting even in TV serials, one being *Rakesh Chaudhary's Mujrim Hazir*. The only consolation is that it will be later edited and released as a feature film. It is based on a Bengali novel by the author of

Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam. Nutan plays the roles of Kaliganji-Ki-Bahu, who is victimised by a greedy landlord. Praising the character Nutan says: "I accepted it only because it is a challenging role with many shades and a wide range. She plays the Bahu from the time she is very young till she becomes an aged widow."

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Raakhee hopes for an extended lease of her career. Above: Sohni, Anupam Kher and Raakhee in *Mere Baad*.

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She has roles in commercial

films like *Hissaydar*, *Gargi*, *Some pe Salanga* and untitled films of *Kalpataru* and *S. Bakri*. Her solo starrer *Aasid Ki Khatir* has not been sold.

Facing a somewhat similar fate is Asha Parekh, though she is not too keen on a career. Her

Maang Saja Do Meri has not

been sold but she has got a good role in the multi-starred *Batwara*. Waheeda Rehman, Sharmin Tagore, Rehana Sultan have nearly given up the big screen saying there are hardly any character roles worth playing. How we wish the industry recognises and uses such talents going waste.

before the cameras, doing supporting roles in commercial films or modelling for textiles in ad. films. Has he forgotten that he proved to be a totally flop actor in his early years and that is why he switched to direction? Directing films gave him more fame than being Shabana Azmi's boy friend.

Most heroines hate rape scenes. Some like them for the sake of their careers. But Meenakshi Sheshadri was furious with the actor, Nana Patekar who tried to molest her for a scene in *Tadap*. Being a good actor, Nana tried to do full justice, to it, the more realistic he became the more angry was the heroine who started clawing him with her nails.

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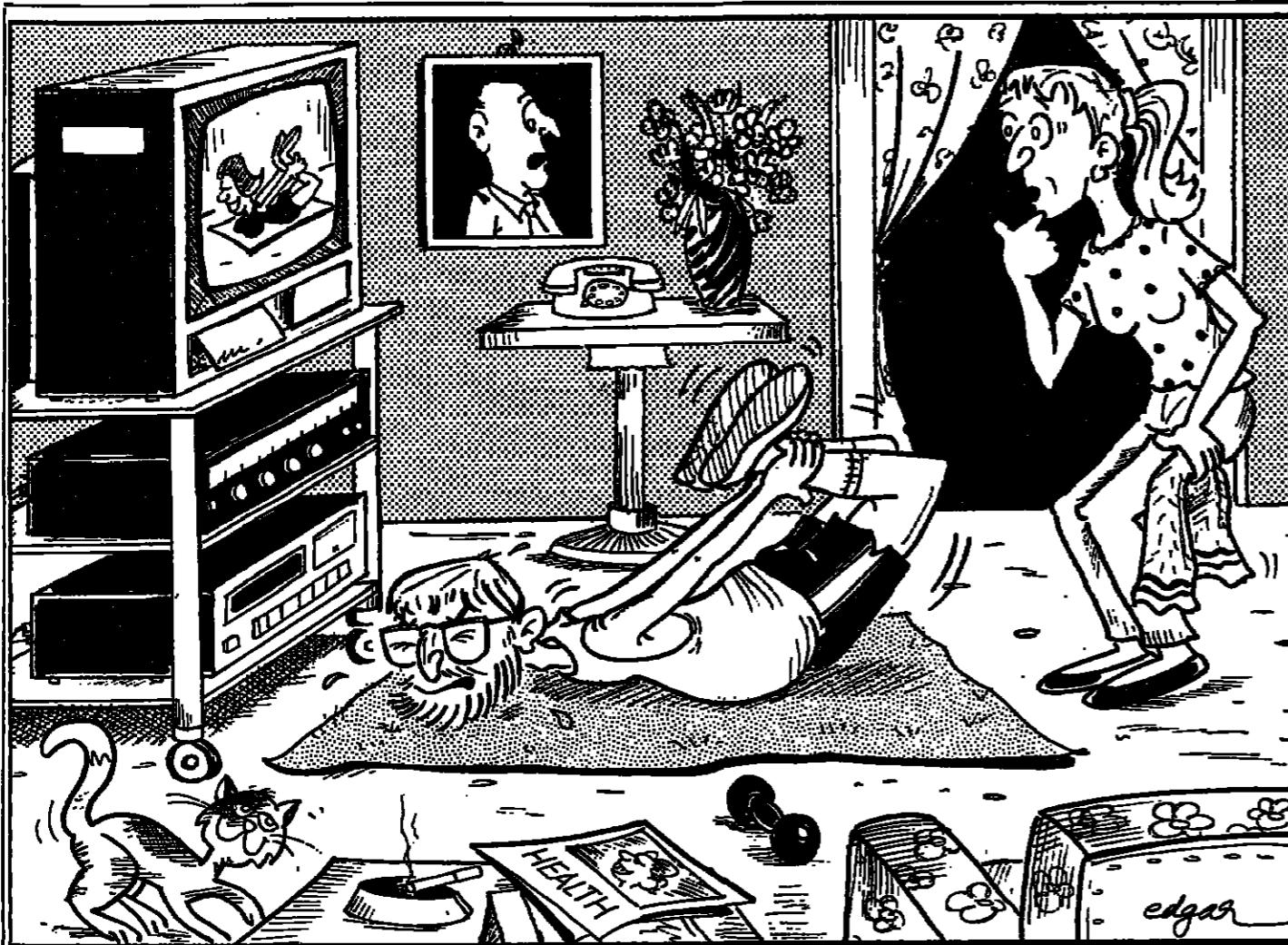
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Fat and forty isn't fun

By Keith Wells

LATELY I have come to the ugly realisation that gravity is beginning to beat me. Parts that used to spring, now sag, sectors that once were full of bounce and vigor have started to droop, even wobble. I was never much of a muscle man, but recently I've noticed that my youthful scruff has turned to flab, even my hair is beginning to sneak away, tuft by tuft. Mortality's staring me straight in the face and it doesn't much like what it sees. Time to take desperate measures, I decided, quit smoking, go on a diet and start taking violent exercises.

Funny how easy it is to decide something, isn't it? Take smoking for example. I've quit dozens of times, but a month or so later I have just one harmless little ciggy and the next thing I know I'm smoking away like an oil refinery again.

Exercise is even worse. I got one of those Jane Fonda tapes and nearly had a heart attack just watching it. That woman can scratch her tonsils with her toes! If ever a tape should be banned for the good of society it's that one. She twists herself about like a boneless chicken. I tried to follow along, bouncing up and down, but the trouble was that some bits were still bouncing down while the rest of me was bouncing up. I felt like a flesh juggler.

Then she started contorting herself on the floor, legs behind her ears, elbows under ankles, eyes looking at her own shoul-

der blades. I wriggled and writhed in a vain attempt to follow suit until something went CRICK and I felt a red hot pain in my lumbar.

By the time the wife managed to untangle me I was crippled. I'd seen parts of my own anatomy I hadn't even known were there, but the end result was I couldn't move for three days. They should re-name that tape, not 'Keep Fit with Jane', but rather, 'Get Crippled With Keith.'

Puffing

So I lay in bed puffing away on my very last, honestly ciggy, eating a large consolation portion of ice cream wondering what to do next to defeat the ageing process. The trouble as I see it is that when you've got the equipment you ain't got the knowledge, and by the time you acquire the knowledge the equipment's falling apart.

I think there's a basic flaw in the lifespan of the human race. Surely it'd be much better if time sort of ran backwards so that you started out at the grave, coming to life just after the funeral. That way you'd always know who your real friends were for a start! You'd start out in life being old and wise and able to remember everything that was going to happen. It'd be marvellous, just think, if you got divorced you could console yourself with the fact that you'd soon fall in love again and get married. When you lost all your money you could look forward to the time when you'd had it all.

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Even accidents wouldn't be so traumatic since you'd have a long period of convalescence to prepare yourself, then. WHAM, the accident, but ten minutes later you'd be in perfect health again! Best of all, you'd be getting younger and healthier all the time, and so would all your friends. You could go to funerals with a light heart, knowing that somebody you really liked would be coming back to life any minute!

Then, when your life was entering its last fifteen years or so, you'd find yourself retreating into the comfortable bosom of your family, your father would take over the tiresome job of earning a living for you, but he wouldn't mind because you'd be getting cut all the time, and he'd see his wife getting younger and more beautiful. Imagining the luxury of your last three years, everyone giving you birthday presents, not having to bathe yourself. Mother looking after you every need, much the best sort of intensive care. Until finally you sort of went plop slurp back into the womb and forgot about the whole thing. Bliss.

Radical

Trouble is, I don't know if we can get things changed. I mean, how do we go about such a radical re-organisation? I'm sure everyone would vote for it. Given the chance, the benefits are so enormous. Just think, after you'd paid your taxes you'd get them all back again. You'd never have to plan for the future since it would really

be the past, there'd never be any cause for regret, just patience to wait for things to right themselves again.

Ah well, I suppose we'll have to put up with the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, with flat and wrinkles and fading faculties. Sooner or later we all have to join the Crinkles, use a walking stick to fight off the gravity.

Then you have to wonder what happens afterwards. Is there a bureaucracy involved? Do you have to get a residence permit? Will the guys in white robes be like the one we are used to? Or will we all get to wear robes and haloes. Of course, there's the Other Place, that's sure to have an incredible bureaucracy, probably staffed by the same people as the one here, except that ALL of the rubber stamps will be permanently lost. What a fate, waiting for eternity for your papers to come through, and you've already done the crossword seventy-seven times, read the Bridge Column, memorised the entire stock pages and pondered the horoscopes for everyone else's signs.

Where was I? Oh yes, that ice cream, and that last ciggy... well, last but one actually since I'm just having another while I try to figure you how to cut out my figure. I'm sure there's an easier way than all this torture. Can't somebody invent healthy cigarettes, chocolate cake that makes you slim and Diet Coca Cola that doesn't taste like Drano?

"GEORGE BUSH is making a mistake," Whiner told me.

"In what way?" I asked.

"By declaring he is not a wimp he's alienating the wimp vote in the country."

"So what?"

"He needs a lot of wimps to win the election."

"I didn't know there were many," I said.

"There are a lot more of us than there are of them," Whiner said. "And don't forget wimps vote as a block."

"You'd think Bush's people would have researched it."

"By denying he is a wimp, Bush is sending out a message that there is something wrong with being one. That's what the wimps are crying about. The question we would like to put to the Vice-President is what's wrong with being one if it's how you feel?"

"I guess nothing if you don't flaunt it."

"There are some of us

The Art Buchwald Column

The wimp vote

who think Bush is a secret wimp and is afraid to come out of the closet."

"I don't believe that," I protested. "I think he honestly hates wimps — perhaps it has something to do with his growing up in Texas."

"There are a lot of wimps in Texas. We're all over the map, and when we get upset we can be a mighty force in deciding who our next President is going to be. If Bush thinks the macho voters are going to put him over the top without wimp support he's crazy."

"What makes a person a wimp?" I asked.

"It's definitely genetic. It's passed down through the male side of the family. You can always spot a wimp because he whines

and cries a lot and continually loses at arm wrestling."

"Women don't like wimps, do they?"

"They say they don't, but most of them marry one. Shere Hite, who just completed a sexual survey, says 93 per cent of all American women have slept with a wimp. Women prefer them because wimps are afraid to yell at their mates."

"So by attacking wimps Bush could lose the spouse vote as well?"

"It seems that way. No woman wants a President who doesn't remind her of her husband."

"Are you predicting the wimp factor will decide the 1988 election?"

"I believe so. The wimps are sick and tired of being denigrated by politicians

and football fans, and we intend to introduce Wimp Power into the White House. By insisting he is not a wimp Bush is endorsing the prejudice that we have had to live with for years. We may be snivellers, but we have rights too."

"Suppose all the candidates ignore you. What will your people do?"

"Sit the election out. Wimps don't have to vote unless they want to."

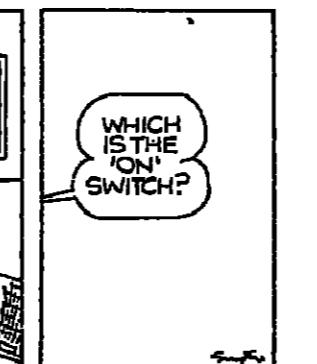
"It appears that Bush has a lot of apologising to do before he gets your support. What can he do to make it up to you?"

"I'd like him to go on television and say he respects wimps and admires their way of life. He must come out for equal job opportunities and fair treatment for all wimps. And finally, Bush has to promise to appoint a wimp to the Supreme Court as soon as possible."

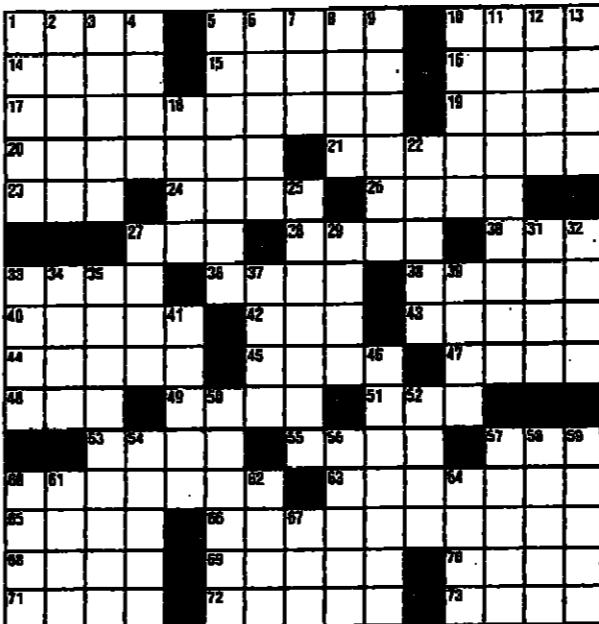
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What action do you take?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
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What action do you take?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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What do you bid now?

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What do you bid now?

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What do you bid now?

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What do you bid now?

Q.22—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦AQ73 ♠Q76 ♠A102 ♠Q83
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North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

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♦AQ73 ♠Q76 ♠A102 ♠Q83
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

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♦AQ73 ♠Q76 ♠A102 ♠Q83
The bidding has proceeded:
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

North Yemen set to bring second oilfield on stream next month

BAHRUIN, Jan 20, (Reuters): North Yemen is set to bring a second oilfield on stream in February, to further boost its impoverished economy, just two months after joining the ranks of neighbouring oil exporters of the Arabian peninsula.

Oil industry sources in Sanaa said the country's second oilfield, Azal, is expected to start production next month with an initial output of around 20,000 barrels per day (bpd).

North Yemen, with a population approaching 9.5 million, has one of the world's lowest per capita incomes, estimated at around \$280 in 1986.

Azal field lies 15 km (nine miles) north of the Alif field, the first commercially developed oilfield in North Yemen, which now produces around 150,000 bpd.

Discovered

Oil was first discovered in North Yemen in 1984, by Yemen Hunt Oil, a subsidiary of Dallas-based Hunt Oil company. The country's oil reserves are estimated at one billion barrels.

It started exporting oil at a rate of 135,000 bpd last December and plans to raise this to 200,000 bpd by mid-1988, earning around \$700 million per year.

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"The Azal oilfield is not fully developed yet. The output may well increase above 20,000 bpd as new production wells are drilled," a senior oil executive in Sanaa said.

Turkey's biggest bank freezes credits

ISTANBUL, Jan 20, (Reuters): Turkey's biggest bank, the state-owned TC Ziraat Bankasi AS, froze all new credits today and took action to identify bad debts, Anatolian news agency said.

The semi-official agency said Coskun Ulusoy, who took over as the bank's general manager on Monday, issued an internal memorandum seeking a comprehensive list of all loans of over 50 million lira (\$100,000).

He said he would not prolong payment terms or grace periods on debts and would not offer interest reductions to debtors who had fallen behind in repayments or interest payments on credits over 100 million lira (\$100,000).

Disbursed

No new credits, even those previously approved but not disbursed, would be issued, he said, and no new appointments would be made until further notice.

Ulusoy's appointment and action was part of a shake-up and modernisation of state banks after centre-right Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's victory in November's general election, bankers said.

Ziraat Bankasi, which had assets of 5.607 billion lira (then about \$9 billion) at the end of 1986, was regarded as a well-founded if old-fashioned bank, they said.

World borrowing drops sharply

PARIS, Jan 20, (Reuters): Total medium and long-term funds raised on world capital markets fell sharply last year, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said.

An \$29 billion, total borrowing through bond issues, syndicated loans and other facilities was seven percent lower than in 1986, the OECD said in its latest monthly report.

The contraction in borrowing activity was accompanied by a major shift in the relative importance of the instruments used in international financing, with a marked fall in bond offerings being partially offset by a rebound in syndicated bank lending," the report said.

Dropped

Borrowing on external bond markets dropped from \$228 billion in 1986 to \$177 billion in 1987—the first decline in issuing activity since 1980.

After stagnating at between \$60 and 70 billion during the previous four years, borrowing on the syndicated credit markets rose by 345 percent to \$92 billion in 1987—a figure not far below the all-time high in 1982 of \$8 billion.

Huge US trade deficit, high surpluses in Japan and Bonn strain economy

Dollar's rough ride may not be over yet

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): Things could still get rocky again for the dollar, economists say.

Money market dealers are once more worrying that Americans are still importing more goods than they can really afford and spending more dollars to buy them from neighbouring oil exporters of the Arabian peninsula.

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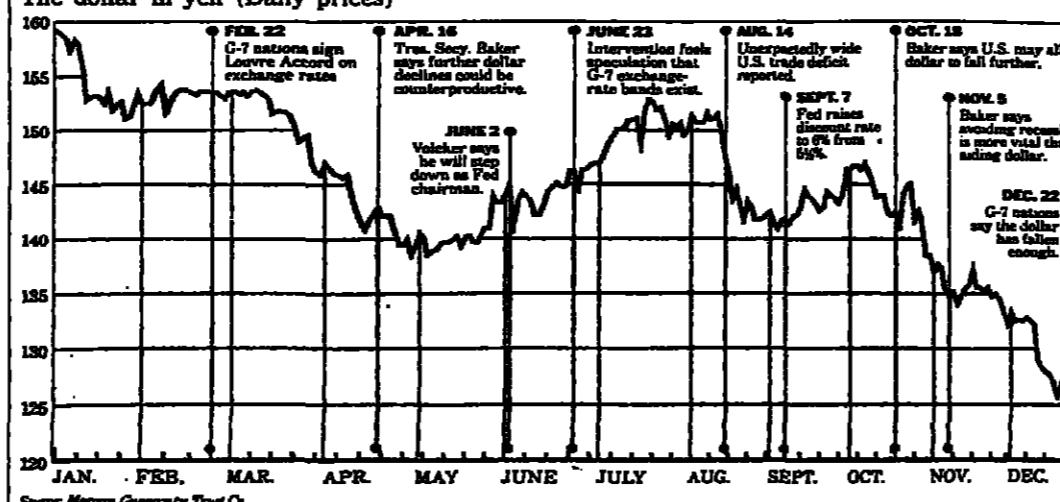
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The Dollar Sank to Record Lows in 1987, Despite a Midyear Rally

The dollar in yen (Daily prices)



Source: Morgan Guaranty Trust Co.

Empires. The United States' problem is that it can't."

The United States has called on Japan and West Germany to boost their economies—a key element in international accords to stabilise currencies since last February's Louvre accord.

Faster Japanese and West German growth should mean more money to buy US goods to cut the trade deficit, and more to buy US Treasury bonds to help finance Washington's budget deficit, while keeping the world economy safe from a slump.

Policy "One question is whether Japan's stimulation policy will reduce Japan's surplus and the US deficit without a massive exchange rate shock," Wilford said. "They'd provide economic growth, military protection and extort the cost from their

Tokyo's overvalued equity market."

Meanwhile, the West German economy is expected to grow only between one and two per cent this year after expanding 1.7 per cent in 1987.

Jittery

"There are no significant fundamental reasons to purchase marks in favour of the dollar," said a dealer for US-based bank's Frankfurt branch.

That slow growth is holding back West Germany's share and bond markets, and helps keep markets across Europe jittery—West Germany dominates the European economy.

Traders remain very nervous.

Rumours of a US newspaper that the trade figures were miscalculated knocked the dollar

down by 1.5 pfennigs and one yen today. No such report could be found.

"The euphoria after last Friday's US trade figures has all gone out of the market," said a senior currency dealer at Swiss bank in Zurich.

The dollar soared last Friday, after the United States reported that its trade deficit fell to \$13.22 billion from a record 17.63 billion in October.

Keep falling

Dealers thought it meant the deficit was headed down—and would keep falling without any painful new government policies.

But then Japan said yesterday its December trade surplus jumped to \$8.6 billion from 4.74 billion in November.

"Operators are nervous. They

are not sure which way they should move because there has not yet been any strong evidence that the US trade deficit is actually improving," said one senior dealer at a Japanese bank.

Economists are somewhat less glum.

"The October figure was certainly abnormally bad, the November figure might well have been lucky," said Martin Weale, an economics fellow at Cambridge University.

"Depending on how you count it, whether payments are pushed up or back, you'd expect a bad month to be followed by a good one," he said.

Streep

"Everything we know about economic theory suggests that the dollar's fall has been steep enough to bring a substantial improvement and soon in the deficit."

Keith Edmonds, an economist with Mitsubishi Finance International Ltd in London, says both the record high October US deficit and sharply lower November figure were aberrations.

"The average of the two numbers is therefore a better guide, and this shows neither an improvement nor a significant deterioration over the previous three months," he said.

Response

But while many say markets have bounced too much in response to the trade numbers, few expect the pattern to change in the months ahead.

"Markets have been moved to hemlines, presidents, superbowl scores and deficits," said one London share dealer. "At the moment it's deficits."

Ipic buys 10pc stake in Spanish company

ABU DHABI, Jan 20, (Opecap): The Abu Dhabi-based International Petroleum Investment Company (Ipic) has acquired a 10 percent stake in Spain's major oil refining and petrochemical company, Cepsa.

Ipic's managing director, Khalifa Mohammed Al Shamsi said here that under an agreement signed earlier this month, the state-owned Ipic would pay about \$120 million and receive two seats on Cepsa's board of directors.

Under another agreement, Adnoc, the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, will supply the Spanish company with about 60,000 bpd of crude oil, he said.

Ipic, which was founded in 1984, has been keen to invest in foreign crude and petroleum product marketing outlets.

World Business Summary

Norway's Statoil wins China oil contract

OSLO, Jan 20, (Reuters): Norwegian state oil firm Statoil won oil exploration rights on a vast sector of the South China Sea today. "We signed the agreement today (Wednesday) in Peking," spokesman Einar Bergh told Reuters. He said the signing ceremony coincided with Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland's official visit to this week to China. Statoil, Norway's biggest oil company and a pillar of the North Sea oil industry, has for several years advised China on how to develop its offshore activities. China's oil has traditionally flowed from mainland fields, but foreign firms have been pumping oil in the South China Sea since the early 1980s. China has appointed Statoil operator on a 3,740 square kilometre (1,450 square miles) sector off Hainan island, splitting rights on the block equally with Statoil and the Chinese national offshore oil corporation, Bergh said.

Statoil, in turn, has committed itself to a one-year exploration programme on the block, including seismic surveys and one well—with an option to drill further wells.

Statoil, which opened a Peking office seven years ago, is already taking part in Yellow Sea drilling operations and holds a stake in a producing South China Sea field.

Weak dollar, oil glut cloud Gulf economic outlook

BAHRUIN, Jan 20, (Reuters): Gulf states registered little growth in 1987 and prospects for future recovery may be limited by the Iran-Iraq war, a weak dollar and oversupply on world oil markets, International Bank (GIB) said today.

The Bahrain-based bank's economist Henry Azzam said the trough of the recession was probably reached in 1986, but last year saw only a partial recovery in oil revenues and the region seemed set for a period of flat economic development. A pick-up would become more visible in the early 1990s when world demand for Gulf oil could be expected to increase markedly, Azzam wrote in the bank's monthly economic report.

He said Gulf states would probably increase the proportion of oil they exported in the form of refined products, following Kuwait which ships up to 80 per cent of its oil in this form. "This trend will allow the Gulf countries to have more control on the amount of oil they can sell on the world market," Azzam said.

GIB is the second largest bank based on Bahrain.

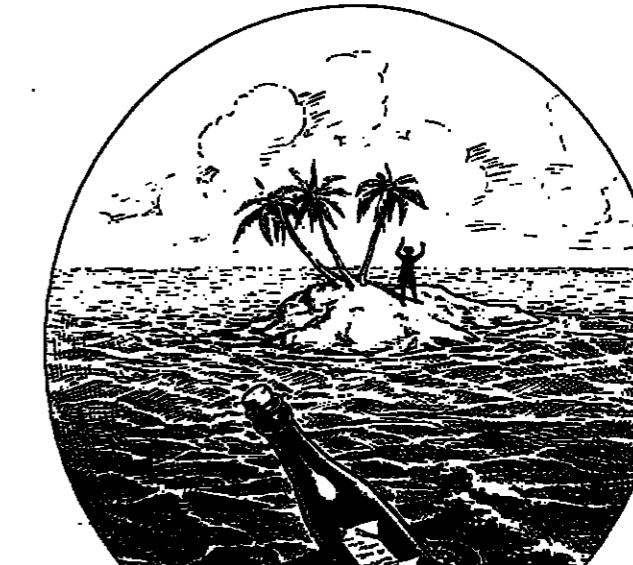
Last October's world-wide crash of stock markets would probably depress demand for oil in the short-term if the US and world economies slow, but it should still be possible to maintain oil at the \$18-dollar benchmark set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Azzam said the decline of the dollar had reduced the purchasing power of the Gulf region's oil revenues by some 50 per cent since the start of 1985. That had increased the prices of non-dollar imports, squeezed profit margins for international contractors and exporters and had started to alter well-established trading patterns.

Hydrocarbon discovery

LONDON, Jan 20, (UPI): Britoil Pic confirmed today a significant hydrocarbon discovery in North Sea block 9/23B about 200 miles north of Aberdeen, Scotland. Well 9/23B-7 was drilled to a total depth of 6,015 ft, in the tertiary and encountered over 600 ft net of oil and gas bearing sands, Britoil said. Three separate intervals were tested. The first flowed at 5,325 barrels per day of 20 per cent API (American Petroleum Institute) oil. A chief executive for Britoil said the tests have confirmed the considerable potential in the tertiary in this block. It was estimated that the structures penetrated by these two wells contain approximately 200 million barrels of recoverable oil reserves and 600 billion cubic ft of recoverable gas reserves within block 9/23B.

There is additional potential in at least two other tertiary structures which lie in block 9/23B, Britoil said. Britoil believes this is to be the largest discovery in the North Sea for several years and for the company it is a very important addition to its successful ongoing exploration programme to increase its reserves and value of the company. A further well, 9/23B-8, was spudded to the south of 9/23B-7 on Jan 16, Britoil said.



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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 21-22, 1988

LONDON

(LONDON STOCKS)

ICI	095/0	NAME	CLOSE OPEN
IMI	194/0	A.B. ELECT	344/0 343/0
JAGUAR	324.0	BUCKLEYS	199/0 200/0
LADBROKE	356.0	HICKS,IN	165/0 163/0
LAND SECs	452/0	RATHERS	242/0 242/0

LONDON

(LONDON STOCKS)

NAME	LAST	LAPORTE	392/0
ABBEY LIFE	245/0	NAME	CLOSE OPEN
ALD LYONS	340/0	A.B. ELECT	344/0 343/0
ANSTRAD	138/0	BUCKLEYS	199/0 200/0
ARGYLL GP	192/0	HICKS,IN	165/0 163/0
ASDA MFI	168/4	RATHERS	242/0 242/0
A B FOODS	65/05	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BAI PP	100/0	NAME	CLOSE OPEN
BTR	267/0	REGALION	146/0 145/0
BAT INDs	435/0	REGALION	146/0 145/0
BARCLAYS	490/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BASS	790/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BEAZER	188/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BEECHAMS	453/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BET PLC	229/6	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BICC PLC	332/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BLUE ARROW	99.0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BLUE CIRC	423/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BOC GP	384/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BOOTS CO	252/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BPB INDs	250/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BR COMM	327/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BR AIRWAY	167/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BR AEROSP	342/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BR GAS PP	134/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
B.P.	250/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
B.P. NEW	73/4	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BR TELCOM	231/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BRITOIL	470/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BUNZL	126/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BURMAH OL	441/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
BURTON	232/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
CABLE&WIR	355/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
CADBURY'S	257/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
COATE VIV	253/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
COMM UNIT	342/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
CONS GOLD	850/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
COOKSONS	527/4	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
COURTAULD	330/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
DALGETY	303/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
DEE CP	196/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
DIXONS	189/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
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FISONS	252/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
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GEN ELEC	157/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
GLAXO	010/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
GRANADA	315/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
GLOBE	137/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
GRAND NET	440/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
GUS A	408/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
GUARD RYL	850/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
GUINNESS	307/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
HAMMERS A	515/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
HANSON	133/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
HAWLEY SID	468/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0
HILLSDOWN	287/0	REED,ORD	343/0 345/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1409.2	1423.0	1440.1	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	986.0	993.3	1004.6	957.6
FT ALL SHR	96.87	902.50	112.60	870.22
FT GOV SEC	88.35	88.19	88.45	88.49
FT GOLD MN	281.3	284.1	283.4	302.1
FT MINES F	436.44	447.84	455.11	450.65
FT OIL	1714.0	1715.2	1743.1	1663.6
FT WLD DLR	114.23	114.72	113.55	115.04
FT WLD STG	95.39	95.85	94.76	90.79
FT WLD LOC	102.10	102.81	104.82	99.08

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES	QUIETLY ABOVE LOWS IN LATE TRADING
LONDON, JAN 20 - SHARES STOOD ABOVE THEIR LOWS IN LATE TRADING WITH FEW FEATURES EMERGING TO PROVIDE DIRECTION, DEALERS SAID. THE FTSE 100 INDEX REACHED A LOW FOR THE DAY OF 1,748.8 AT 1442 GMT AFTER THE NEW YORK MARKET SHOWED AN EARLY DROP OF NEARLY 18 POINTS, BUT LATER RECOVERED WITH WALL STREET.	
OPERATORS REPORTED LITTLE ACTIVITY WITH ONLY BRITOL'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY HAD PLACED ITS ASSET VALUE AT 3.53 BILLION STG OR 699P PER SHARE CAUSING ANY REAL BUYING INTEREST. BRITOL SHARES STOOD 19P FIRMER AT 473 AFTER REACHING A HIGH OF 477.	
AT 1530 GMT, THE FTSE STOOD 14.9 POINTS LOWER AT 1,753.1.	
BRITOL IS THE SUBJECT OF A 2.27 BILLION STG, 450P PER SHARE BID FROM BP WHICH NOW HOLDS 29.9 PCT OF BRITOL WHILE ATLANTIC RICHFIELD, WHICH HAS STEADILY INCREASED ITS STAKE IN THE COMPANY, HOLDS 24.05 PCT. PARTLY-PAID BP SHARES WERE THE SECOND MOST ACTIVE TRADE, 1P LOWER AT 74 ON VOLUME OF 8.4 MLN.	

ANALYSTS SAID FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES, A SUM OF AROUND 180P COVERING TECHNICAL RESERVES, EXPLORATION ACREAGE AND TAX RELIEF ON EXPLORATION COSTS SHOULD BE STRIPPED FROM THE 699P PER SHARE BRITOL ASSET VALUE, LEAVING A VALUE OF ABOUT 519P PER SHARE. BP SAID TODAY IT WAS EXTENDING THE CLOSING DATE OF ITS OFFER FOR BRITOL FROM FEBRUARY 4 TO 18.	
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London Gold

LONDON, JAN 20 - GOLD BULLION WAS HELD TO A FAIRLY TIGHT TWO DLR RANGE AND ENDED A MERE 25 CENTS ABOVE TUESDAY'S LONDON CLOSE AT 477.25/477.75 DLRS AN OUNCE.	
BULLION CONTINUED TO MOVE TIME IN THE ABSENCE OF FRESH INCENTIVES, ALTHOUGH THE GENERAL EASINESS OF THE DOLLAR PREVENTED THE MARKET FROM DRIFTING DOWN, DEALERS SAID.	
DEALING WAS MAINLY CONFINED TO PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AGAINST THE EARLY STAGES OF TRADING, THEY ADDED.	
GOLD WAS SET AT 477.75 AND 477.65 DLRS AT THE RESPECTIVE MORNING/AFTERNOON FIXING SESSIONS.	

London Money Market

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Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR
1.7900/10	5.6175/05	1.6645/55	OPG
2.9725/35	2.9760/95	10.0575/0705	NOON
1.6294/6694	2.973/987	29.565/725	FIX
5.6075/6215	10.048/066	337.08/68	FIX
5.3550-3540	2.4223-4255	81.28/39	24.10/13
1.8685	3.3490	112.34	33.30
ECU 1.24195	0.693230		

Not so bright future predicted for Gulf economies

ABU DHABI, Jan 20, (Kuwa): A prominent Kuwaiti economist predicted a not so bright future for Gulf economies if the region's countries keep leaning on oil as a sole source of revenue, indicating that cash surpluses are on their way to peter out.

Lecturing at a seminar here last night, Jassim Khaled Al Sa'doun warned Gulf states that waiting on this problem is ill-advised since the declining oil reserves and cash assets could lead to dangerous possibilities both economically and politically.

However, he noted that time is not ripe yet to conduct some reforms with some reasonable amounts of sacrifices such as a study on a taxation and a reassessment of public spending.

Al Sa'doun said, "it seems that our handling of oil did not have a notable effect on our fate," adding, "the rest of the world paid better attention to it."

Economics

He noted that despite the powerful economies possessed by Opec — particularly the Gulf members of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE — "current indicators in handling oil do not give an impression of good future prospects in this respect."

The Kuwaiti economist tackled oil from its various aspects, effects, production and prices, comparing between the establishment of Opec in 1960 and the International Energy Agency in 1974.

He said that Opec came into being to defend the interests of its members, following the oil price in the '50s because major companies used cheap oil in rebuilding post-war Europe.

Prices

Meanwhile, he added, that the IEA was established when oil prices shot up sky-high between 1972 and 1974 to guarantee a continuous flow of low-priced oil to consumers.

Al Sa'doun said that, contrary to Opec's strategy which did not have any role in amending its spending of oil revenues in the '60s nor in the slight jump in prices in the '70s, the IEA took serious measures to get the maximum benefit out of the situation.

He cited that the IEA not only cut down its oil consumption from 57.8 per cent in 1975 to 50.2 per cent in 1985, but also shaved off a whole seven per cent of the oil contribution from the total energy consumed.

UK oil mission to visit Indonesia

JAKARTA, Jan 20, (Openca): British Secretary of State for Energy Cecil Parkinson will visit Indonesia in May at the head of a 30-member delegation comprising representatives of the petroleum industry's various service sectors.

Alex Frederik, European representative of Pertamina, the Indonesian state oil company, said that during the visit a seminar would be held on Indonesia's oil and gas development.

According to Frederik, the two-day seminar was aimed at improving cooperation between Indonesian and British companies in the service sector of the Indonesian oil industry.

He said that British firms could play a bigger role in the development of Indonesia's oil and gas sector.

Mexico hit by stock market crash

Small Latin nations show big brothers how to grow

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Jan 20, (UPI): Latin American economies, although stumbling in the world slowdown, grew for the third straight year in 1987, with smaller nations showing the big brothers how to do it.

While giants Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico lost their handle on inflation and fell far short of growth targets, Uruguay, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and Bolivia notched up overall economic performances ranging from good to very good through combinations of daring, expertise, patience and good luck.

Obstacles

Considering the obstacles — huge foreign debts, perennial political instability, change-resistant bureaucracies, and in some cases guerrilla warfare — the fact many Latin countries could prosper at all in 1987 was a major achievement.

Whether they can put in a repeat performance in 1988 is open to question.

It will depend on such imponderables overall world growth, political conditions, harvests, and ever-fluctuating prices of raw materials — oil, wheat, soybeans, coffee, copper — the chief exports of most Latin American countries.

Gold prices firm

Dollar, stocks slip on new trade worries

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): The dollar slid today as money markets worried that better-than-expected US trade figures last week may have given a false picture of America's economy.

Gold prices were firm. Shares eased in most centres — "there is little incentive to invest in this market at the moment. We're in a state of limbo," a London share dealer said.

News last Friday of a US November trade deficit down to \$13.22 billion, from October's record \$17.63 billion, had propelled the dollar to values above 1.08 Deutschmarks and 130 yen at the start of this week.

Sealing

Dealers said selling was triggered by worry that the low November deficit was an aberration, a fear strengthened by news yesterday that Japan's trade surplus rose in December.

Rumours fuelled the market jitters. One such rumour said a US newspaper was saying the trade data understated the true US deficit by \$3 billion.

"Everyone is depressed again," said a share dealer in

Frankfurt, where West German stocks retreated because a weak dollar threatens to pinch export earnings.

Paris dealer said a 27-point drop on Wall Street yesterday and easier share prices in Tokyo today helped depress French stocks. The Paris 50-share bourse indicator was down 1.93 per cent in early trading.

Spanish, Italian, Dutch and Swiss stock markets eased.

Earlier, Tokyo's Nikkei stock index closed slightly down, losing 55.03 points to end at 22,843.14.

"I think the obvious cause is uncertainty," said Andrew Ballingall at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities in Tokyo. "There is mixed evidence as to what happened on the trade front."

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell five points to 2,483, according to preliminary figures, while Sydney's All Ordinaries index was down 3.4 points to 1,295.4.

Gold was fixed in London today at \$477.75 an ounce, having closed yesterday at \$477.10.

The pound sterling gained to

\$1.7905 in London's morning, after last night's 1.7720.

Share prices in London were pulled lower today by a weaker dollar and lack of activity.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index closed 15.2 points down at 1,752.8.

Volume was a light 445.3 million shares, with the bulk of the trading conducted in the morning. Volume yesterday was 344.2 million shares.

The market opened weak on the back of falls in New York and Tokyo, and was further undermined as the dollar slid throughout the morning.

Down

A few large orders around lunchtime sent the 100-share index down further, and a weak opening on Wall Street sent it to its low for the day of 19.2 points down. Later in the afternoon, trading slowed to a virtual standstill and prices remained just above their lows.

The falling dollar especially hurt shares of companies with large international operations. Some domestic issues, primarily retailers, benefited as investors

shifted into shares without significant dollar exposure.

Traders said prices were also depressed by lack of news and activity.

British, which is fighting a take-over attempt from British Petroleum, announced that an independent study valued its assets at 699 pence a share, well above BP's 450 pence-a-share offer price.

British shares were trading at about 455 pence when the valuation was reported and closed at 473 pence, up 19 pence on the day.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials dropped 8.46 to 1,927.88 at 10.30 am EST (1530 GMT) in the first hour of trading.

Losers outnumbered gainers by more than 3 to 1 in the overall tally of New York Stock Exchange-listed issues, with 258 up, 82 down and 396 unchanged.

Volume of the NYSE came to 29.87 million shares in the first half hour.

The dollar lost ground today in foreign exchange markets

Housing starts plunge

US consumer prices climb

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Reuters): US consumer prices rose a modest 0.1 per cent in December, giving an inflation rate for 1987 of 4.4 per cent, the Labour Department said today.

It was the highest annual inflation rate in six years. Prices rose by only 1.1 per cent in 1986, largely because of a slump in oil prices on world markets. Excluding energy prices, inflation would have been 3.8 per cent.

The seasonally adjusted 0.1 per cent increase in December was smaller than the 0.2 per cent rise that economists had expected and followed a 0.3 per cent increase in November.

Construction

For the whole of 1987 construction began on 1,617 million homes, the lowest level since 1982, compared with 1,805 million in 1986.

In November housing starts rose a revised 6.6 per cent to an annual rate of 1,64 million. The government originally estimated that starts rose 7.5 per cent in November.

Commerce Department officials said the drop in December housing starts was the steepest since a 2.6 per cent decline in March 1984.

The number of building permits issued, a barometer of future homebuilding activity, also fell sharply in December, by 8.8 per cent to an annual rate of

1.34 million, the government said.

Housing permits rose a revised 0.4 per cent in November.

Previously the department had said permits fell 0.7 per cent in November.

The 1987 total for permits was 1.54 million, down from 1.77 million in 1986 and the lowest total since 1982.

The housing industry has weakened slightly in the past two years as pent-up demand from potential buyers who were unable to afford a home because of high interest rates in the early 1980s has gradually been satisfied.

But economists said weakness last month may have been particularly acute because bad weather across the nation prevented many builders from starting work on new homes.

Sales

If the weakness persisted, it would rub off on the entire economy because sales of electrical appliances, furniture and myriad other household items are directly linked to the strength of the housing industry.

'No extra money for health service'

UK reaffirms plans to boost spending

LONDON, Jan 20, (AP): Despite intense political pressure on the British government to increase spending on the national health service, the Treasury announced today that the amounts allocated for health in the next three fiscal years will remain as planned.

The government continues to plan to spend £20.7 billion on health and personal social services in 1988-89 vs £19.6 billion (£35.1 billion) in the current fiscal year, which ends on March 31.

Forecast

However, as percentage of total spending, expenditure on health should rise to 14.1 per cent by 1990-91 from 13.1 per cent in the 1986-87 fiscal year, the Treasury said.

The forecast came in a detailed Treasury statement on public spending which elaborates on March 15. He is expected to

forecast made in November by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson. Overall spending figures are the same as the November statement.

The government has been under pressure recently from opposition leaders, doctors and nurses, to spend more on the country's national health service, which its critics claim is in a crisis due to shortage of funds.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has kept a tight grip on public spending since she came into power in 1979.

Revenue

The Treasury reaffirmed its plans to boost public spending in Britain by an average of 1.25 per cent annually in real terms over the next three fiscal years.

Lawson is to announce details of the revenue side of the budget on March 15. He is expected to

announce a further cut in taxes as a result of buoyant government revenues, resulting from higher-than-expected tax revenues and from privatisation proceeds.

This has infuriated some government critics who believe the extra revenue should be given to the health service rather than to the taxpayers.

Spending details also included:

As a proportion of Gross Domestic Product, public spending should fall from 42.5 per cent in the current fiscal year, ending March 31, 1988, to 41.25 per cent in the 1990-91 budget, the Treasury confirmed. The 1990-91 level would be the lowest proportion since 1972-73.

As previously announced, the public expenditure planning totals, a measure of expenditure that excludes debt interest payment, will rise 6 per cent in nominal terms to £156.8 billion

(\$281 billion) in the fiscal year beginning on April 1, 1988, from an expected £147.3 billion (\$264 billion) in the current fiscal year.

The planning totals for 1989-90 and 1990-91 are £167.1 billion (\$299 billion) and £176.1 billion (\$315 billion), respectively.

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The proportion spent on law and order and on social security will also rise to the end of the decade. Social security will continue to account for around a third of total public spending.

The proportion spent on defence will fall slightly to 12.1 per cent by 1990-91. That follows the sharp increases in public spending on defense in the years since Mrs Thatcher's Conservative government was first elected in 1979.

EEC team looks at Turkish economy

ANKARA, Jan 20, (Reuters): Two European Economic Community (EEC) officials started an assessment of the Turkish economy today in what is seen here as a first step in Ankara's bid for full Community membership.

Turkish officials said the EEC team will see businessmen, officials and academics and review developments in industry, agriculture and services.

Turkey applied for full membership of the 12-nation block last April after being an associate member since 1963.

Conservative Prime Minister Turgut Ozal who returned to power in November for a five-year term has made full EEC membership a major foreign policy goal.

Delegation

A spokesman for Banco Central said the KIO had undertaken when it bought the shares to offer the bank first refusal on them if it decided to sell before October 1988.

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JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

Japan Week will be launched today with a traditional Japanese top-making and kite-flying demonstration at the Kuwait Science Club. Watch for pictures and a story in Tuesday's Junior Times about these exciting events.

This is also a good time for us to learn more about this leading technological country with its many traditions and vast natural beauty.

We hope you enjoy reading about Japan and the other articles and puzzles in today's Junior Times.

Aunt Barbara

Scary things

Under the bed
After saying goodnight
Getting stuck in a sweater
That's much too tight,
Getting lost at the fair
or the shops or the zoo,
Feeling something
With lots of legs
Crawling on you.



JAPAN is a beautiful country. It lies just off the eastern coast of Asia.

Japan is the first country to see the sun rise in the morning. That is why Japan is known as "the land of the rising sun."

Japan is a nation of islands. There are four large islands and more than 3,000 smaller ones. The large islands are Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu.

Tokyo

More than one hundred million people live in Japan. They live mainly in cities.

Tokyo is the largest city. It is on the island of Honshu. It has more than ten million people. It is one of the largest cities in the world.

The seacoast

Tokyo is also the capital of Japan. It is a very busy city.

Japan has thousands of miles of beautiful seacoast. In the fall, strong wind



and rain storms, called typhoons, cause heavy damage to coastal towns.

The mountains

Mountains cover most of Japan's land.

Some of the mountains are volcanoes. The highest, named Mount Fuji, is a quiet volcano.

Japan also has many earthquakes. Most are weak, but a strong earthquake may cause great damage.

The people

The Japanese have learned to make buildings that can stand up to typhoons and earthquakes.

Japan has very old customs or rules. They are a part of everyday life.

The most important rules are about the family. Japanese young people are expected to respect their parents.

It is very common in Japan for three generations — grandparents, parents, and children — to live together in the same house. The grandparents are loved and respected.

Today Japan is changing. The old rules are not always followed. But most Japanese people combine the best of the old ways with the best of the new.

Homes

On a farm the whole family works together.

In the city the father may go to work. The mother may work, too, or she may stay home to care for young children.

Woven mats, called tatami, cover the floors. By day cushions serve as seats. At night special pads,



The land of the rising sun

called futons, are placed on the floor for sleeping.

Almost every home has a special corner, called a tokonoma. The tokonoma is decorated with flowers and a painting. This corner shows the beauty of nature.

Food

Most Japanese food is fried, boiled or broiled. Pieces of fish, chicken, pork, or beef are often cooked with vegetables in soy sauce.

Japanese is not hard to speak.

But Japanese is very hard to write. Each word is written in a special way. There are thousands of words and thousands of characters and letters to be learned.

The Japanese use chopsticks to eat. Rice is a part



Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



Let's cook

Cheese and potato pie

Ingredients (for 4 people):

Large packet of instant potato (500 ml or 1 pint size)

6 rounded table spoons (150 g or 6 oz) grated Cheddar cheese

1 tomato

25 g (1 oz) margarine

Equipment

Overproof serving dish

Mixing bowl

Sharp knife

Table knife

Fork

Pan

1. Put oven at Gas Mark

4 (electricity 350°F/180°C)

2. Measure 500 ml (1 pint) of water, pour into pan. Place on cooker and bring to boil.

3. Put instant potato in mixing bowl, with margarine. When water boils, carefully pour it onto potato powder, then mix with fork.

4. Add 4 tablespoonfuls of grated cheese to the potato and mix well. Place potato mixture in serving dish and smooth top with knife.

5. Sprinkle on remaining cheese. Place pie in oven for 20 minutes. (If pie is required at once, however,



it can be placed under a hot grill until cheese melts and bubbles.)

6. Cut tomato into slices and place on top just before serving. A piece of watercress in each corner also makes this dish look attractive.

Open rolls

Instead of making sandwiches, try open rolls; they are as delicious to eat as they are to look at. When shopping, choose long finger rolls or round rolls.

1. Cut rolls in half and spread each cut side with

mixed with a little mayonnaise
Cress
Lettuce
Cucumber
Sliced tomato
Tomato wedges
Raisins
Halved grapes
Orange slices
Pineapple

butter.

2. Toppings: Choose one or more foods from each column and arrange food attractively on top of rolls:

Sliced ham

Corned beef

Cheese, sliced or grated

Hard-boiled egg

Salmon or tuna

Answers: 1. Who's your fat friend? 2. Thomas Carlyle. 3. The famous letters, Johnson found, teach the morals of a whore and the manners of a dancing master. 4. Henry James. 5. Sir, if you believe that, you'll believe anything. 6. And if I were your husband, I should drink it. 7. So will Mr. Bernard Shaw. 8. 'Pearls before swine.' 9. Groucho Marx. 10. Churchill is said to have agreed, adding, 'He has a great deal to be modest about.'

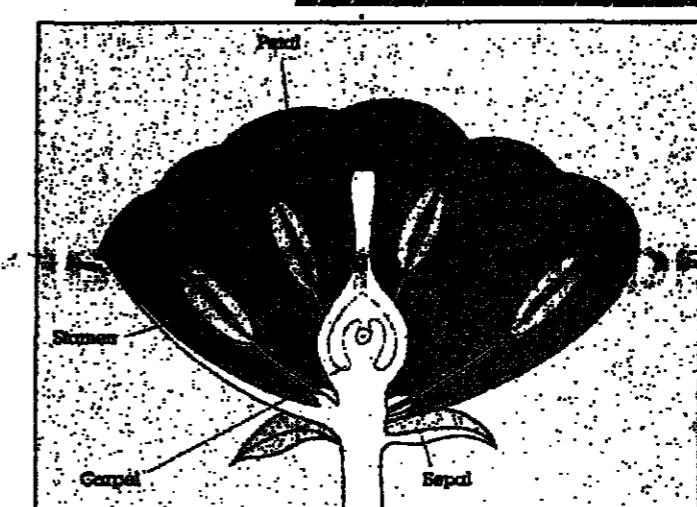
The last of the 'Seven Wonders of the World' to be built was the Pharos lighthouse at Alexandria in Egypt. It was completed in 280 BC and was a staggering 138 m high — or the height of a block of flats with 35 storeys.

Pollination

THERE are four parts to most flowers, arranged one inside the other. These are the sepals, the petals, the stamens and the carpels.

The sepals protected the flower while it was a young bud. Many petals are brightly coloured to attract insects to the flower. Many flowers also have lovely scents so that bees and other insects will notice them and come to them.

The stamens make a yellow dust called pollen. If you shake a ripe flower, little clouds of pollen come off. When some pollen from the same kind of flower settles on the carpels, the carpels start to



grow. Sometimes the pollen is carried to the carpels by bees and other kinds of insects. Some

Search for the bad guys

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

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CRIMINAL DESPERADO ROGUE
BRUTE DEVIL HOOLIGAN
BULLY CAD KNAVE OUTLAW
FELON CASTAWAY GANGSTER SCAMP
CASTAWAY CONVICT PRODIGAL SINNER
CONVICT GUNMAN RASCAL THIEF
DELINQUENT TRAITOR

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F D G F A W B G O H U B R
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Firsts and lasts

The last of the 'Seven Wonders of the World' to be built was the Pharos lighthouse at Alexandria in Egypt. It was completed in 280 BC and was a staggering 138 m high — or the height of a block of flats with 35 storeys.

The ancient Egyptians had a form of shorthand over 2,000 years ago.

The Romans first came to Britain in 55 BC under the leadership of Julius Caesar. Eleven years later he was assassinated.

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SPORTS

Pat Pack
reunited
at Open

MELBOURNE, Jan. 20. (Reuter): The 'Pat Pack' have reunited for the first time since Wimbledon.

The three men and a woman embraced by Pat Cash after his victory climb through the crowds at Wimbledon last July have combined in Melbourne to plot his Australian Open campaign.

"We are all about giving him that vital edge," said coach Ian Barclay in a telephone interview before Friday's semifinal between Cash and the man he beat in the Wimbledon final, world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

The difference between the top guys on the circuit may be as little as a couple of points over 3-1/2 hours of tennis.

Care

"If there is the chance you can get an extra half a per cent then you have to delve into it. We are always looking around for something to give us that edge."

While Barclay refines Cash's tennis skills, physiotherapist Ann Quinn and psychologist Jeff Bond fine-tune the body and mind respectively of the 22-year-old Australian. Pat Cash senior acts as manager to his son.

"If someone is about being professional in a sport like tennis then they have to take care of every little detail," said Quinn, who has known Cash since he was 15.

"Pat is so dedicated it's incredible. He amazed me with his will to work before Wimbledon and, if anything, that has increased since."

"I put him through a series of tests about four weeks ago and he set new standards yet again. There is no doubt he is stronger, faster and fitter than at Wimbledon."

Bond said the Wimbledon victory has increased the importance of psychology in Cash's preparations.

Clawing

"There is one method of psychology to use when a guy is clawing his way to the top and another for the person who is there," Bond said.

"We recognised we still had things to work on after Wimbledon, in the main the added pressure of other people's expectations and the extra calls on Pat's time because of his win."

"What we work on is concentration, manipulating certain things on court. It's a matter of controlling things to get into a rhythm, the tempo of dominating the opponent."

"Pat continues to get better and better at that," Bond said by telephone.

Barclay said his pupil's on-court skills had also improved.

"I'm a perfectionist and so is he. We both strive to do better," said the 50-year-old Melbourne-based coach.

"I firmly believe the best is still to come from Pat. He's 22 years old but only 20 as far as tennis is concerned because of all the time he's been sidelined with injury."

Cash spent almost eight months in the tennis wilderness during 1984 after severely damaging muscles in his back.

Quinn, like Barclay, believes Cash's preparation has been faultless. Being at home has helped his build-up as he can concentrate solely on the match in hand.

"Because he's at home he has access to every facility he needs," Quinn said.

Aspirations

Cash would dearly love to win the first Open staged at the new multi-million-dollar National Tennis Centre.

Yet defeat here would not be the end of the world. Cash and his mentors have other aspirations, among them a desire to see him at the top of the world tennis tree.

Tyson could hurt Holmes, says former trainer

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Jan. 20. (AP): Larry Holmes' will to win could result in a bad beating by Mike Tyson, says Eddie Futch, who trained the former heavyweight champion for 12 title fights.

Tyson has the style and strength that could make it hard for Larry to avoid getting badly beaten and possibly hurt, Futch said by telephone yesterday from his Nevada home. "I don't feel good about the fight."

Advised

"Tyson the 21-year-old undisputed heavyweight champion, is an 8-to-1 favourite to beat Holmes, 37, in their scheduled 12-round fight Friday night in Atlantic City."

"Larry has pride," Futch said. "He will go in there and do his best. Larry is not afraid of anybody, but I feel he doesn't have the physical capabilities at this stage of his career. I advised Larry more than a year ago not to take another fight."

"At his point in his career I have to see him in there, that's

WILANDER OUTCLASSES JARRYD FOR SEMIFINALS**Edberg struggles past Chesnokov**

MELBOURNE, Jan. 20. (Reuter): Defending champion Stefan Edberg moved a step nearer a third straight Australian Open crown but emerged shaken after a quarterfinal win over Soviet player Andrei Chesnokov today.

Edberg, the second seed, battled hard to defeat the tenacious Chesnokov 4-6 7-6 (7-5) 6-4 6-4 in a two-hour, 50 minute thriller. In Friday's semifinals he will meet third-seeded fellow-Swede Mats Wilander, who beat yet another compatriot, Anders Jarryd, 7-6 6-2 6-3 today.

Top-seeded Ivan Lendl faces Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, seeded four, in the other men's semifinal. They both qualified yesterday.

Flashy

For almost two sets Edberg, 22 yesterday, seemed a likely victim of the flashy forehand and double-barreled backhand of Chesnokov, who looked out of place in the space-age centrefourt with his baggy shorts and endorsement-free shirt.

But the world's number two rallied from the brink to edge past the unseeded Chesnokov, 35th on the computer.

The turning point of the match came in the tiebreak of the second set when the umpire overruled a line judge who called an Edberg backhand out at 5-5.

Had the call stood it would have given the Soviet set point for a 2-0 lead. The point was



Edberg: had a tough time

replayed, Edberg won it to gain set point and then clinched the set on his first service point.

"I thought it was out," said Chesnokov afterwards. "But the umpire said it was in and it was not possible to argue. It makes a big difference, 6-5 instead of 5-6."

Edberg, who is seeking to join Jack Crawford and Roy Emerson as the winner of three straight Open singles crowns,

admitted afterwards he had been lucky to escape with a win.

"I had to fight very hard. He gave me a lot of trouble all the way," Edberg said.

"I was not laying my best but at least I fought hard. I will have to lift my game another level against Mats."

Wilander had earlier beaten Jarryd in a quarterfinal match that was as dour as the other was gripping.

Wilander, winner of the 1983-84 Opens, took the two-hour-41-minute battle of the baseliners through steadiness rather than flair.

But he still poses a big problem for Edberg, who has been below form from the start of the tournament. Edberg is the only man's semifinalist to have lost a set — he has lost two — in this tournament.

Edberg started slowly against Chesnokov. His serve, his biggest weapon, had all but deserted him — he was footfaulted seven times in the match — and his volleying was out of touch.

But by the start of the third set he had begun to find his rhythm. A break for a 5-4 lead in the third left him serving for a 2-1 advantage and another in the first game of the fourth effectively ended Chesnokov's charge.

"I have basically been struggling for two weeks," said Edberg. "I have to work harder than I am used to. It's more mental and I have to believe more in myself."

"At 2-0 in the second set I said to myself, 'What the hell am I doing, at least work.'

"I did and I felt afterwards I had done a good job out there," he said.

The women's semifinals are tomorrow with top-seeded Steffi Graf facing fellow-West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Martina Navratilova taking on perennial rival Chris Evert.

This morning Briton Andrew Castle and American Roberto Saad combined to win the longest match in the history of the Australian Open in the men's doubles quarterfinals.

Their five-set heart-stopper against Canadians Grant Connell and Glenn Michibata, which included three tiebreaks and a final set of 36 games, lasted five hours 10 minutes on court one. Castle and Saad won 6-7 7-6 6-7 6-3 19-17.

The previous longest match on record was four hours 51 minutes by Yannick Noah and American Roger Smith earlier this tournament in a first round singles match, won 16-14 by the Frenchman in the final set.

Fault

Three times in the final set, Castle served for the match only to lose his serve.

At 18-17, 30-30, Saad served a fault on his first serve and was then foot-faulted by a line judge on his second.

But the umpire overruled the call, saying it had been made before Saad had hit the ball.

The umpire awarded him two further serves. Saad served another fault with his first but the American/British combination won the point off the second serve.

They won the next point, the first matchpoint of the quarterfinal, to earn a semifinal clash against Briton Jeremy Bates and Swede Peter Lundgren.

McEnroe must qualify for Seoul Olympics

MELBOURNE, Jan. 20. (Reuter): American John McEnroe will have to qualify to play at the Seoul Olympics while Hana Mandlikova, an Australian citizen since January 1, will not compete despite being named to play for Czechoslovakia, her former homeland.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced its direct acceptances today, adding that Tim Mayotte, ranked one place above McEnroe at number nine in the world, would be the only American not required to qualify for the Games, the first for 64 years where medals will be awarded for tennis.

Named

The fiery McEnroe, who has not competed for over two months following suspension, is named as one of 27 players from North and South America who will play for six qualifying places in the 64-man draw.

Countries are allowed to nominate four men and three women of which a maximum of three men and three women may compete in the singles events.

The number of direct acceptances depends on the countries' degree of success in last year's Davis and Federation Cups, the premier men's and women's team competitions.

Teams which reached at least the quarter-final round of the 1987 Davis Cup gain two direct acceptances.

Reaching the quarterfinals of the Federation Cup gains three direct acceptances.

Among the 32 players directly accepted are Wimbledon champion Pat Cash of Australia, ex-champion Boris Becker of West Germany and Sweden's Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander.

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Hundreds of Olympic officials applauded and released a cloud of red, white, green and blue balloons into the air after the flags were raised. Journalists and photographers ran around trying to find the flags of their nations, which were raised in Korean alphabetical order.

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North Korea, which is demanding to co-host the Games, and Cuba are the only nations to announce boycotts if the co-hosting demand is not met. Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Albania and the Seychelles have not accepted for various reasons.

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